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containing Mr and Mrs Derck Smallbone and their two

Gemma Smallbone was

killed and her parents, from Holt. Norfolk, were taken to

hospital with their son, aged five. Mrs Diana Smallbone

five. Mrs Diana Smalloone recieved head injuries and her husband had leg injuries. The boy was discharged.

Thirty-five minutes after the crash Miss Ettridge and Mr Chmilowskyj turned up three miles away at Cockley Cley Hall, the home of Sir Samuel Roberts, a barrister.

Samuel Roberts, a barrister.

The wanted man told the barrister. "I want to give

myself up".
Sir Samuel, aged 38, rec-

ognized them at once and asked them if they were the

couple whose pictures had been on television. The girl

said that they were. Sir Samuel said: "She was

pale, shaken and seemed very

"The man was also very quiet and not at all threaten-

ing. He was heeding from a gash on his forehead and had dried blood caked on the front

"I took them into the stredy

"I heard her say 'It's me, it's

and sold them to sit down. The

girl asked to make a phone call

to her parents and I dialled the

all over, I'm safe, I'm coming

bome.' The man then took the

phone, and said 'Hello, it's

Pete, I would like to apologize

for the trouble what I gave

you'."
Sir Samuel telephoned a local constable, PC Michael

Lane, and within minutes a

police car had arrived at the

remote house.

"My wife had made them a cup of tea but the man didn't have time to finish it. The policeman said 'I am arresting

you', handcuffed him and

took him out to the police car.

The barrister said: "His

quiel and depressed. He had a

two-inch gash on his forehead covered with dried blood."

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Racal expects to break even

It has invested £110 million

Racal pays £110m, page 17

Mrs Ettridge said that her

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He didn't resist at all."

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The crash took place at 8.15 dejection. He said he was

Racal buys in Vodafone

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Vodafone subsidiary that it reckons it will have 200,000 does not already own for subscribers out of a total of

Iwas a bit of a

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Missing girl is

unharmed as

man surrenders

By Stewart Tendler and Chris Steyn

children.

Miss Samantha Ettridge, aged 17, the Hertfordshire

choolgirl who disappeared on

Christmas Eve, was reunited with her family last night as

detectives questioned the man

suspected of her abduction,
Miss Ettridge, tired hut
unharmed, and Mr Peter

Johan Chmilowskyj, the sus-

pect, were found by police at a Norfolk country house after a car crash in which a baby was

The girl and the man reached the bouse through

dense forest after their car had

collided head-on with another

car shortly after dawn yes-terday, killing a five-month-old girl in the other vehicle.

The infant's parents were both

Last night Miss Ettridge's parents left the family home

under heavy police escort for a reunion with their daughter at

a secret rendezvous. Police

indicated that the girl was not

yet ready to be reunited with

the family in the full glare of

publicity.
The girl was found just over

12 hours after Scotland Yard

Mr Chmilowskyj as the man

believed to be holding Miss

Ettridge, and who was also suspected of kidnapping a girl, aged 19, from north London a

few days earlier. When Miss Ettridge tele-

phoned her home at Ches-

hunt, while waiting for the

police to arrive at the country

house, she said of her ordeal that she had "just talked my way through it".

Mr Chmilowskyj was also said to have spoken to her parents. He allegedly told her father. "Hello. It's Pete. I would like to appolenize for all

would like to apologize for all the trouble what I gave you."

In London, Detective Sup-erintendent Fergus Corcoran, in charge of the search for the

missing girl, said that he was delighted at the news of her

return but saddened at the

Miss Ettridge and Mr

Chmilowskyj were in a hlue

Talbot Solara car which

crashed with a Ford Capri

yesterday morning on the sorry. A1065 near Hilborough in "Sar

\$160.85 million (£110 400,000.

Vodafone is attracting 1,000

It estimates it has 53 per

new customers a week and has

more than 63,000 subscribers.

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David Bellamy's early school career was not a

resounding success. But the family owned a set of

death of the child.

Norfolk.

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launched a manhunt naming of his clothes.

injured in the crash.

Kinnock goes on offensive

The party has internal poll

evidence suggesting that

Labour's policy of using cuts in the nuclear arsenal to

strengthen conventional de-

the offensive last night on the critical general election issue of nuclear defence, describing Nato's nuclear strategy as outdated and incredible and accusing the Government of adopting policies which increased the likelihood of a nuclear confrontation.

The Labour leader responded to the party's recent slump in support, in which the restatement of its non-nuclear policy is accepted to have been a key factor, with an aggressive defence of Labour's stance combined with a strong recommitment to close consultations with the Ameri-

George Younger, Secretary of State for Defence, and reflected the belief of the Labour leadership that the acknowledged damage done by the launch this month of the new policy, Modern Britain in a Modern World, can be

fence is finding favour with the electorate, and that people are at least questioning, where in the past they accepted

Greenwich misgivings 2 without argument the desirability of Britain remain-ing a nuclear weapons power. In a Channel 4 television interview last night Mr Norman Tehhn. Tory chairman, said that Labour had made the fatal mistake of offending its supporters on key areas such as defence. Defence, he said,

He said that the main thrust of the Tory attack on Labour would be over its "incompetence, inexperience and neglect" of fundamental issues, such as defence, and the

Mr Kinnock was replying to a letter from Mr Younger in the wake of statements the Labour leader made at the

defence policy launch.

He told Mr Younger that cuts introduced by the Government in conventional defence increased dependence on nuclear weapons and lowered the nuclear threshold: while Labour would concentrate Britain's precious defence resources on improving conventional forces and rais-

ing the nuclear threshold. He said that Nato's strategy of "flexible response", the resort to first use of nuclear weapons in retaliation for a conventional attack, was "out.

By John Winder

Mr Robert Albon,

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POST OFFICE TO BE FRIVATILED

From Michael Binyon

Washington

Disillusioned with life in

Many had lived in the US

for between six and eight years, but were unhappy,

homesick and unable to gel

good jobs. They said that they

were looking forward to seeing

their families again, although

they did not know whether

they would be accepted by

Sir Ronald Dearing, chair-

where their policy has struck a of date and, for a variety of chord with the electorate. obvious technical reasons, obvious technical reasons,

incredible. However, Mr Kinnock and Mr Denis Healey, Labour's foreign affairs spokesman, have underlined that Labour will accept Nato strategy until

it can change it. He reiterated that a Labour government would not ask the United States to initiate a nuclear war on its behalf by first use of nuclear weapons

Mr Kinnock demanded that Mr Younger explain the precise circumstances and purpose for which the British Prime Minister would order the first use of British nuclear bombs and what calculation had been made of the likely consequences, the size of any retaliation, and the effects of radiation blast and fall-out on British troops and civilians.

Mr Kinnock's intervention comes as politicians in all parties continue to speculate on the likelihood of a general election in the spring.

Mr David Steel, the Liberal leader, said yesterday in his new year message that the election had become an endgame for the Government.

The long-term interests of the people and the economy had been subordinated to the electoral cynicism of tax giveaway, credit boom and shop-ping sprees. Behind the gleaming high street facade the real economy was in a parlousstate.

Mr Steel said that Britain was moving towards the status of a third world economy, bashing and bending metal for more successful societies while the City looked more and more like the centre of casino capitalism rather than the way of steering resources into productive use.

PO chief criticizes 'sell-off'

The document, Whose Schools? compiled by a team of politicians and educationists, including Baroness Cox and Professor Roger Scruton, advocates the return to selection and says local education authorities (LEAs) have " a standing ability to corrupt the minds and souls of

Those words were dismissed last night by Dr David Muffett, who is chairman of Hereford and Worcester education committee and describes himself as a "high Tory", as grossly insulting to the vast number of LEAs which have conscientiously

"What I object to is the arrival of these johnny-come-latelies setting themselves up as judges of the maintained sector when so few of them

as his justification.

The firm carried out share sensitive information obtained by the civil servant in flee 'violent and permissive

employee at the Department of Trade and Industry, is understood to have relayed

procecution should be

one added: "The Russian people can forgive." Two families of five were

among those returning, but some couples left behind children who arrived as teenagers and had been able to adapt to the US more easily than their

Mr Zhvakin said those taking their children back were worried over the violent and permissive society in the US and did not want their chil-

dren "to be criminals".
Asked for a comment on the departure, a State Department official said: "This is a free

Hunt ends at country house after death crash



Mr and Mrs Ettridge (above), delighted at their daughter's return. Below, Sir Samuel Roberts, who called in the police and Samantha Ettridge.







province, the East Rand and

in Soweto, and announced

that: 40 Eastern Cape schools would remain closed next year

unless pupils demonstrated a

willingness to return to

But according to figures

released by the department in

Pretoria, just over 50 per cent of black high school pupils

who sat for the year-end matriculation examinations -

the equivalent of British "A"

levels - in their segregated

Although the success rate

contrasts sharply with a record

80 to 90 per cent pass rate among white matriculants, the

department says it is en-

couraged by the results.

schools have passed.

Wasps bow to Brent on apartheid

Wasps, the rugby union club whose three junior teams play on pitches owned by Brent Council, have been forced to cancel Thursday's match against Rosslyn Park because their London rivals had chosen two South African-

internationals who are oo holiday in Britain. Garth Wright, a scrum half, and Anton Barnard, a loosehead prop, who represented South Africa in the unofficial series with the New Zealand Cavaliers last May, were to have made guest appearances

in the top rugby game in the capital on New Year's Day. Mr Neville Compton, the fixtures secretary of Wasps, said last night that they had no

option because of Brent's policy of no sporting links with South Africa, and the club's joint community project with the local council. Wasps asked the opposing club to leave out the two

South Africans, but Mr David Whittam, the secretary of Rosslyn Park, said: "We do not want to be dictated to by a council on who we should play. If we did not select the players we would be kowtowing to political pressure. But we bear Wasps themselves

no animosity." The pair, who had been given permission to play in England by the English Rugby Football Union, represented Rosslyn Park's second team at Bedford last Saturday. Mr Whittam added: "Neither

player is now likely to play for the first team before returning to South Africa next month." A spokeswoman for Brent

Pretoria imposes new restrictions on black students

From Ray Kennedy, Johannesburg

classes.

The South African Govern- schools in the Eastern Cape ment yesterday gave powers to the Director-General of the Department of Education and. Training which allow him to restrict and control the move-

ment of black pupils. According to a notice in the Government Gazette signed by President P.W. Botha, any person who contravenes the orders will be liable to a fine of up to 4,000 rands (£1,280) or

two years' jail The orders cover a wide range of activities, including the presence of pupils on school premises, as well as the types of reading material and

clothing they may display. The new measures are in addition to steps introduced in July forcing black papils to carry identity documents and

the employment of security guards at schools An estimated 20 per cent of the 1.7 million black pupils under the jurisdiction of the

department refused to register and were barred from school As boycotts mounted the

According to the department's figures, a total of 89,235 pupils sat the examinations, of which 34,733 (38.9) per cent) obtained passes and a further 11,664 (13.07 per cent) matriculation exemption which entitles them to university entrance. The total pass rate was 51.99 per cent. In 1985, the pass rate was 49.3 per cent, including 12.5 per cent of pupils who gained

matriculation exemption. ment said yesterday: "Anything that represents an improvement is always

A spokesman for the depart-

The spokesman claimed that the disparity between black and white matriculation results was irrevelant. "It has

taken decades, and many ups and downs, for white educa-tion results to achieve the

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over defence

Mr Neil Kinnock went on to

cans over its implementation.

in her new year message to her party tomorrow and Labour leaders believe there is nothing to be gained through being seen to be on the defensive

That was the year...



...in which Heseltine and Chernobyl exploded, Botham and Galtieri were put out of action, Prince Andrew and Geldof were married, and the Iceland summit froze over. As 1986 fades away, our Review of the Year

recalls the best and the worst of it **New Year with** The Times

A major series on football's future begins on Thursday in The Times, the only quality newspaper to publish on New Year's Day. To be sure of this, upto-the-minute racecards, and full coverage of news and sport, order

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 The Times Portfolio Gold daily competition prize of £4,000 was shared yesterday by two readers: Mr R.A. Thompson of Dorking, Surrey; and Mr J.W. Davis of Hetton-le-Hole, Tyne & Wear. Details,

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TIMES SPORT

New trainer

the United States, 50 Soviet emigrés arrived in Moscow yesterday from New York, the The Aga Khan has appointed Luca Cumani as his third largest group to return to their homeland from here at one British-based trainer, sending him 15 two-year-olds for the

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friends and neighbours after years in the West. The group included many ***

Manifesto on schools derided

Post Office, a question, he said, for the politicians. control of the service. Australian lecturer, is the author of a 44-page study for the right-wing Centre for Political Studies, released yesterday, in which he puts forward a timetable beginning in 1987, to hive off each section of the Post Office to

Continued on page 16, col 2 1 | Suppose tetters will get LOST more efficiently

> Mr Bill McNeill, the leader Continued on page 16, col 1 | question, the sources said.

Jewish emigrants and at least

seven were naturalized US

citizens. They were seen off by

Consul at the Soviet Embassy

Many of the emigres came

from the New York area, where most Soviet im-migrants settle. Their return

was not publicized, but ru-

mour spread quickly, and

hundreds of relatives and

friends came to see them off

The Aerollot desk was

mobbed and the regular

weekly flight was delayed for

five hours until a larger jet

Some of the emigres said

with tearful farewells.

could be provided.

By Mark Dowd

man of the Post Office, yesterday criticized detailed plans published by a Conservative research organization for privatization of the corpora-He remained importial on the merits or otherwise of denationalizing the whole

carried out their tasks over the

Education Reporter. Conservative-controlled local authorities and teachers were last night united in their

condemnation of a radical right-wing manifesto for the reform of the state education system which, if im-plemented, would sound the death knell for local authority

the private sector, starting with the Girobank, which is the voung". already a separate limited He recommends privatization of counter services and the complete removal of statutory monopoly on letters in 1988 and privatization of the

in local government fear that the Conservative Party, and in particular Mr Kenneth Baker, the Secretary of State for Education, is intent on a substantial reduction in local authority power after the next election and will use the activities of the "extremists"

have any direct experience of life at that level," he said. A growing number of Tories

Council said: We are de-lighted by Wasps' decision which follows council policy which is not to have any links

with South Africa until apartheid is abolished."

for the rest of the year. department closed down

the tough orders DTI inquiry widens to stockbroker

they were homesick for rel-

arives, while others felt they

did not belong in the US.

ica for Americans. I want to go

home to see my mother." said

Vladimir Proshinsky, who

lived in New York for eight

years as a taxi driver and

work as a limousine driver.

Alexander Cherkasets, who

mechanic.

price-sensitive information concerning the results of mooopolies investigations to her brother.

third repatriation in as many months. in October and November, Soviet officials said 17 others had gone back. The llow comes as the Kremlin appears to have be-gun a conciliatory policy to-wards dissidents and emigrants. It announced that Mr Yuri Lyuhimov, the theatre director stripped of his citizenship two years ago would be

said he hoped he could get his of Dr Andrei Sakharov's inold job back. "It is hard to imagine what I will do. The ternal exile. Soviet authorities here said we should not have any problems with the authorities there." The group's return is the

want

level of success it has now remembered, which is why The New Encyclopaedia The civil servant, a junior been given "gardening leave" - an informal form of suspen-They added that the DTI

> Prosecutions.
> The DPP will decide whether an insider dealine

Moscow

travel and do what they

President Botha: He signed

By Lawrence Lever The government investigation into suspected insider dealing by a civil servant has widened to include a small firm of stockbrokers. White-hall sources said yesterday. deals on the basis of price

The sources said the person concerned had not been dismissed or suspended, although it was possible she had

"Russia for Russians, Amerleft a good position in a travel agency in the Soviet Union to welcomed back and before Christmas Mr Gorbachov

Some of the emigres ex-

pressed lingering guilt at havng left Russia and several treatment on their return. But

thought they would face harsh

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NEWS SUMMARY -

Police gain drug fight powers

Police and customs officers are empowered to investigate the financial dealings of suspected drug traffickers from to-day in the Government's assault on the clusive financiers of the vast international trade

The Drug Trafficking Offences Act, passed this year, also allows law enforcement officers to arrest and detain people who tip off suspected drug barons about police

Other sections of the Act, including the introduction of legal provisions designed to prevent the laundering of money amassed in the drug trade, and provisions which outlaw the possession of paraphenalia such as kits for making cocaine became law on September 30.

These new weapons in the armoury of drug prevention authorities will be completed on January 12, when police will be able to freeze the assets of suspected drug traffickers in advance of court cases and confiscate them once drug dealing has been proven.

Cavalry crossing

Aldershot could become the first town in Britain to have a pelican crossing for

The Ministry of Defence has asked the local council to help military mounts and their riders cross the busy A325 during exercises. As Army spokesman said it would pay for the

crossing, where there would be two push buttons to operate the signals — one for pedestrians and another at a higher level for riders. An Army borse was killed on the road four

Funeral missed Dr David Owen is suffer-

ing from back trouble and will miss the funeral today of Mr David Penhaligan, the Liberal MP for Truro, who was killed in a car crash a week ago.

The SDP leader is suffering a recurrence of back pain caused by an injury in a motor cycle accident in Cambridge 25 years ago. Dr Owen is bed-ridden at his Wiltshire

The private service for Mr Penhaligan is being beld at All Hallows

Two gunshot deaths

Ulster police were yesterday investigating the death by gaushot wounds of two men, but they believe that in each case the wounds were self-inflicted.

The first casualty was Lance Corporal Gary Kiteley, aged 21, from Middleton Cheney, Northamptonshire, who was serving with the 1st Battalion, the Grenadier Guards at the border village of Castlederg, Co Tyrone. His death from a head wound in an Omagh hospital on Sunday was

disclosed yesterday.

Mr Brian Felix Watson, aged 26, who lived with his mother in Greysteel, Londonderry, died in hospital early yesterday, also from head wounds. Police said that a legally held shotgun was recovered from his home.

Disputed news

Mr John Humphrys (right), the new presenter of Radio 4's Today, has launched a vigorous personal attack on Sir Alastair Burnet, anchorman of ITN's News at 10.

Mr Humphrys, former presenter of BBC I's Nine O'Clock News, accused Sir Alastair in an interview in Woman magazine of misleading the public by claiming that News at 10 was superior.

"If, as Fleet Street and

Sir Alastair claim, ITN is so superior, why does it consistently lag behind the Nine O'Clock News in the



campaign

delayed

The start of the national

television advertising cam-paign warning about the dan-

ger of Aids has been delayed

A provisional schedule for

the campaign, released last month, said that the first

commercials would go to air

But the Department of

Health and Social Security

said last night that the launch

had been delayed for logistical

The national distribution of

leaflets about Aids, which was

also due to start last Saturday.

would not begin until January

● Dr John Habgood, Arch-

bishop of York, said in his

New Year message yesterday that the communion cup

should be cleaned after every

use as a "sensible" precaution against the spread of Aids.

last Saturday.

until at least next Tuesday.

Cold cash plea

At least 5,000 Scots die each year from illnesses related to the cold weather, according to the Scottish National

Members of the Federation of Student Nationalists, the SNP's student wing, demonstrated in Glasgow yesterday, claiming that many families and pensioners freeze because

they cannot afford to pay their fuel bills.

Mr Alan Douglas, the federation president, said: "Nn civilized society can allow this scandal to continue. It is a simple fact of life that it costs more to keep warm in Scotland than in England's deep south.

Inquiry on | Anti-Aids sinking rejected

Gibraltar is responsible for any inquiry into the sinking of the Icelandic tanker Syneta, in which six Britons died, because the vessei was based on the Rock, the Department of Transport said yesterday in reply to calls for a Government inquiry.
Twelve seamen died when

the 1.260-ton vessel hit a rock off Iceland on Christmas Day. Iceland began its own inquiry two days ago in the port of Eskifjourdur, from where the ship had left for Liverpool.

The union representing British ships' officers, Numast, is demanding a government inquiry into the in-cident, hut the Department of Transport said yesterday: "It is down to Gibraltar to hald an inquiry. because that is where the ship is registered.

"The Gibraltar Marine Administration will be receiving a copy of the Icelandic report.

Mr John Prescott, shadow employment spokesman, has called on the Government to urge the Gibraltan authorities to act. amid claims that some ships based there fail to meet sea safety regulations.

Mr Eric Nevin, general secretary of Numast, claimed that some ships are registered in Gibraltar to escape strict regulations in other countries.

He added that his union wanted the Government to hold a public inquiry so there would be an opportunity to cross-examine witnesses.

Haggerstone Marine of Hornchurch, Essex, managing agents for the Syneta, would not comment yesterday.

Disease cases

Four cases of meningitis were reported in North Staffordshire over Christmas. but all are said to have

By Martin Fletcher Political Reporter

Tory-controlled select committee is likely to call for back-door privatization of the coal industry in the new year, but in doing so could split down party lines.

The energy committee has spent more than a year inquirng into the state of the coal industry in Britain, but three Labour members who areformer miners would be under intense pressure to reject any report that threatens state ownership.

However some Conservative members are equally determined that the report shall make definite recom-

A leading independent survey of employment trends

published today shows a slight

deterioration in overall job prospects with sharp region

Fewer companies believe they will take on more people in the first quarter of 1987

than at this time last year,

according to the latest quar-

terly survey of 1,530 employ-

ers carried out by Manpower, the temporary employment

Nineteen per cent of the

employers surveyed expected to hire new staff during the

next three months, 16 per cent

expected to reduce the size of

their workforce, and 63 per

time last year showed a

slightly more optimistic pic-ture, with 20 per cent of

employers hoping to hire new staff and only 14 per cent

Both manufacturing and

service industries forecast a

decrease in employment dur-ing the next three months

while the strongest prospects

for increased employment are

sector, especially in local gov-

ernment, where activity is

to the May local government

Twenty-six per cent of town

hire more workers in the first

months to last October strikes

cost Britain 1.607 million working days. The final figure should

show an improvement on 1964, when 2.278 million

working days were lost through strikes, and finish a

close second to the 1963 tally

of 1.7 million working days

lost because of industrial.

The 1986 estimates show a

big improvement on the past

decade, when an annual av-

erage of 11.1 million working

days were lost in strikes, and should help to counter Bri-tain's international reputation

The figures are also ex-

pected to endorse the Govern-

ment's statutory curbs on

unfettered trade union power,

Minister with political ammu-

In 1984, Britain lost 27.1

for industrial strife.

disputes.

envisaging a decrease.

North-South divide.

Prospects of

jobs down

for the start

of new year

cent foresaw no change. employment in the first quar-A similar survey at the same ter of 1987.

being generated in the run up stitute of Purchasing Manage-

halls forecast that they would particularly for young

three months of 1987, com-pared with 24 per cent in the is going up and it is creating

last quarter of 1986 and only more jobs. Generally on the 11 per cent this time last year. retailing side there is more

Industrial relations

are best since 1964

By a Staff Reporter

Britain is on target to caused by the miners' strike, achieve its best industrial giving it the worst strike relations record since 1964, record in the world. In 1985,

with fewer working days lost the number of lost working in strikes this year than at any days dropped to 6.4 million,

Preliminary estimates by the Department of Employment show that in the 10 months to last October 100 m

The manufacturing sector, capital spending."

mendations on the future structure of the industry. While they accept that the privatization impractical, they believe that similiar results can be achieved over a longer period by lifting the "scandalous" restraints that

private sector. Under existing legislation some 40 small independent opencast mine operators. producing about 10 per cent of Britain's opencast output and employing 1,500 people, have to be licensed by British Coal, pay it substantial royalties for each tonne mined, and face a 25,000-tonne statutory limit.

which has not shown a rise in employment prospects for two years, offered no better pros-

pect, except among local en-gineering firms; service

industries were much slacker

ing and banking all forecast

reduced employment pros-

pects. Only insurance resisted

the trend with more than one

third of employers hoping to

The contrast between North

and South is highlighted by

the difference between the

Home Counties, where a 10

per cent employment increase

was expected and Scotland

and the north-west of England, where employers pre-

dicted a 2 per cent decrease in

Mr John Daly, general sec-retary of the National and Local Government Officers'

Association, said the nverall

employment prospects "re-

mained depressing". The Association of Scientific,

Technical and Managerial

Staffs, and the General, Municipal, Boilermakers and

Allied Trades Union said the

figures showed unemploy-

director-general of the In-

ment, said the economy as a

whole was improving and

better job prospects existed,

graduates. "On the whole, engineering

The encouraging estimates

for 1986 come in spite of disruption caused by the

teachers' strike, which had no

impact on industrial produc-

tion but which cost one-fifth

nf the 2.1 million working

days lost in Britain in the 10

Signs of further gains in

manufacturing productivity have also been established,

with a 3.6 per cent rise between the three months to

October 1985 and the same

Manufacturing productivity

is up by 5 per cent overall since 1980 and should con-

tinue to consolidate its gains

when the figures for 1986 have been analysed. The total

employed labour force, incln-

Armed Forces, now stands at

plain, though, about the La-

bour conneil's extremist

attitudes. One couple ques-tioned yesterday said: "The council frighten us with their

interference in schools, their

support for homosexual

groups and the like, and the

months to last October.

period this year.

But Mr Michael Jackson.

ment would get worse.

hire more staff.

Transport, retailing, cater-

Independent deep-mine operators, of whom there are well over 150, face similiar peculiar characteristics of restrictions, and are also British Coal make its direct prohibited from employing more than 30 miners in any operation. The independent operators argued that they could produce much more coal with more jobs and at very economic prices if freed from the shackles of British hinder the industry's small Coal, which is also their main

In addition, private com-panies are prohibited from investing in the coal industry, with the result that British Petroleum mines nearly as much coal in Australia and America each year as British Coal does in Britain.

Tory MPs believe that the Conservative British Coal, should issue licences and receive royalties, and by liberating the private sector introduce genuine competition into the coal industry as well as much-needed capital and management expertise.

Aware of the potentially divisive issues involved, the committee has had an informal reading of the draft report in order to try to achieve unanimity before the formal reading on which there are recorded votes.

Labour MPs are concerned at suggestions that coal should be imported in large quantities from abroad if cheaper than domestic coal, but some

MPs' dilemma on private coal industry Department of Energy, not acknowledge that there are dangers that the competition might not be fair and the British coal industry could be seriously undermined.

> The Labour members have also enlisted sympathy on the Conservative side for their arguments about the social cost of pit closures. They say that closures should be staggered, that efforts to provide new industry should be made in advance of closures not afterwards, and that the effect on communities and the cost of redundancies should be taken into account before



Miner Ian Grady cradles one of 50 former pit canaries at the mines rescue station in Ilkeston, Derbyshire. The birds are being given to mineworkers now that they have been replaced by electronic meters to test for underground gases. (Photograph: Phil Dunn)

advancing thickets

officials of the Snowdonia National Park.

The species rhododendro ponticum now takes up 34sq km of the park, an area the size of a small city, and is spreading. The bushes, which produce a purple flower in early spring, spread to thickets 30 ft high.

Eradication programmes are costly and time-consum-ing, and park officials have called a conference, with forestry commission experts and scientists from the Institute of Terrestrial Ecology to seek new ways of combating the

The national park, in north Wales, has drawn up a pro-gramme which would cost £30 million, using conventional methods such as chopping down the plants with a chain saw and spreading herbicides to stop the spread of seedlings.

The Forestry Commission in north Wales said: "Unusually, foresters, farmers and conservationists are united. This particular species is of no use to anybody. It spreads to exclude everything else, and is wildlife."

Lifeboat hitch The lifeboat at Skegness,

Lincolnshire, came ashore yesterday after spending 19 hours at sea because the tractor unit used to haul it in had sunk in the mud. The lifeboat was on a training run. handed in to be put down.

Park fears | London is host to 25,000 pilgrims

By Clifford Longley, Religious Affairs Correspondent Four important church many, and 2,200 from

buildings in London - St Paul's Cathedral, Westminster Yesterday afternoon the or-Abbey and Westminster and ganizers estimated attendance Southwark Roman Catholic at 22,000 from overseas, and cathedrals - were filled last upwards of 3,000 from night with up to 25,000 young Britain. They are all being men and women for the start accommodated with families of this week's Taizé Commu- in the London area, and fed nity pilgrimage to the capital. mid-day hy mass catering in marquees at Westminster Ab-They were welcomed by

Brother Roger Schultz, the The event consists of twice founder and leader of Taize, daily mass gatherings for singthe ecumenical monastery in ing and prayer in the four-main buildings, with smaller France, who spoke to all four of the meeting places by live relay from St Paul's, where the groups taking part in meditalargest group assembled. tion sessions and in visits toehurch and community Tonight they will be adprojects in London.

dressed by the Archbishop of Brother Roger said yes-terday he was astonished by Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, and tomorrow night by Cardinal Basil Hume. the numbers who had come. Taize is a mixed Protestant The largest contingent is and Catholic group of men

from Italy, from where 5,000 who have taken monastic arrived in Britain yesterday. vows together, while retaining Nearly the same number has their original denominational come from Spain and Ger- allegiances.

Sad task for RSCPA

The annual post-Christmas vesterday. Between now and Easter,

the RSPCA is expecting the traditional influx of puppies given as Christmas gifts but, subsequently, found to be an

The organization said that nationally, returns for the first two weeks of December showed a higher number of dogs than normal being

The RSPCA office in Notslaughter of unwanted dogs tingham put down 100 dogs got into its gruesome swing during Christmas week after almost 200 unwanted animals were handed in the previous week.

At Battersea Dogs' Home in south London, 150 dogs have heen handed in since

"Happily, we have found new homes for more than 70 dogs so far," Colonel Harry Sweeney, the home's director general, said yesterday.

Police are battling to capture soldiers

faster hette

By Craig Seton

West Midlands police have started a recruiting campaign among soldiers serving with the British Army of the Rhine in West Germany. As a result 82 soldiers, including some who saw action in the Falklands and Northern Ireland have applied to join West Midlands police when their service with the Army ends.

A police recruiting team spent two weeks touring 11 BAOR centres looking for new recruits as part of the force's plan to achieve its full strength

of 6,700 officers. Inspector Philip Raw, of the force's recruiting office, said: We are looking to the Army because the potential recruits it offers are older, wiser and more stable.

"It does not mean we are looking for tough recruits. simply those who have seen a bit of the world, are used to discipline and responsibility and are physically fit. Many of them are soldiers who have got married and want to settle

West Midlands police are the first provincial force to recruit within the BAOR, although the Metropolitan police annually hold a recruiting campaign in West Germany to attract soldiers nearing the end of their service.

Insp Raw said the campaign by the Midlands force did not mean that it was unable to get all the recruits it wanted from the civilian population in the West' Midlands, where un-

employment is high.

He said: "We are still actively recruiting in the ethme population and among the unemployed at job centres, but Army recruits have certain qualities in a higher percentage than in the general

New police recruits from the Army will start as proba-tionary constables

Anderton angry at probe call Mr James Anderton, Chief

Constable of Greater Mancalls for a public inquiry into the running of his force after "completely unfounded" re-

ports of low morale.

Mr Anderton issued a statement after criticism from two Labour MPs following the resignation last week of Mr

John Stalker, his deputy. Mr Anderton and his force have also been criticized for launching the now-postponed search for more possible victims of the moors murderers.

ad Myra Hin A Sunday newspaper has claimed that senior detectives held secret meetings to voice concern about the way the force was being run and about Mr Stalker's departure. The deputy chief constable had earlier been reinstated after an inquiry into allegations of misconduct.

Mr Anderton said yesterday: "I have no knowledge of any clandestine meetings. On the contrary I have today received, from senior detectives in the police divisions said to be affected, the strongest protestations over the latest revelations in the media."

He said suggestions that resignations had left the force with insufficient officers of the right calibre were "an insult to the integrity and ability of serving nfficers".

The statement said that

detectives were "appalled hy stories of low morale, which they contend are untrue."
Labour MPs Mr Terry
Lewis (Worsley) and Mr Tony

Lloyd (Stretford) have written to the Prime Minister and Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, calling for an inquiry into the running of the



Greenwich voters voice their misgivings over Labour extremism

Labour stands to lose votes in the forthcoming Greenwich by-election if the local party insists on selecting an extremist candidate.

A small straw poli taken outside the local Labour Party headquarters in Woolwich Road (locked up and with a sad aunouncement of the memorial service arrangements for the late MP, Mr Guy Barnett, pinned to the door) revealed that fully three-fifths of former Labour voters were doubtful that they would continue to support the party if an extremist candidate was

At the same time there was some evidence of Labour sup-port slipping to both the Conservatives and the Social Democratic Party. Nonetheless, an nverwhelm
That feeling is to 2 large extent confirmed and justified

ing majority of the local voters by local election results in the



Mr Barnett's majority of

1.211 gave him only a 3.5 per

cent lead over the Conser-

vatives last time, and Green-

wich is Labour's nineteenth

most vulnerable seat, but elec-

tors of all parties still regard it

as a traditional safe seat.

pected Labour to win.



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nition in the run-up to the general election.

24.042 million, while there were 3.216 million, or 11.7 per

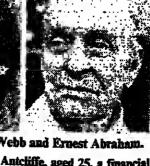
in 1984, Britain lost 27.1 cent of the working popula-million working days, of tion, unemployed last No-which 22.5 million were vember.

Voters in Greenwich: (from left) Jean Bennett, Hilary Marshall, Veronica Waller, Alan Webb and Ernest Abraham.

questioned said that they ex- constituency since the 1983 newspapers out of our local Antcliffe, aged 25, a financial general election, which have largely gone Labour's way. libraries." Local residents do com-

The other issue that seems likely to cost Labour votes is the party's newly adopted nonnuclear policy. A fifth of the former Labour voters questioned yesterday mentioned this as a principal reason why they thought they might not vote Labour again.

The Conservative candidate bans they used to keep some for the by-election is Mr Julin



adviser with a merchant bank and a local councillor representing Blackheath ward which is in the Greenwich parliamentary constituency .
Mr Antcliffe has lived in Greenwich borough all his life,

and in the parliamentary constituency since he was six. His qualifications as a local man he described yesterday as "the strongest card I have".

The SDP-Alliance candidate for the by-election will be Mrs Rosie Barnes, who was adopted just two weeks ago to replace the candidate whn ran a strong third at the last The misgivings which some

voters have for Labour were echoed by several of those contacted for the straw poll. Mr Ernest Abraham, a shopkeeper, of Woolwich Road, said: "I am 77 and I can never remember voting for the winner in an election yet. I don't think there will be any change this time either." Mrs Marilyn Webb: "I

voted Labour before but I would be very adamant against their non-nuclear policy. I am thinking of my children. If we get rid of our nuclear defences I think the country would be too much at risk."

Mr Alan Webb: "I voted 12.150 Labour last time, but I think I 8.783.

will vote Conservative now. I am attracted by some of the things the Government is do-

bour here if there was a moderate candidate, but it would make a hig difference to me if the candidate was ex-

voted Conservative before. I might vote SDP this time. I do nnt think I could support -

"I valed Labour before, and I will vote Labour again, whoever the party choose as

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ing, and I have just bought my own house." Miss Hilary Marshall: "1 think I voted SDP last time, but I am a newcomer to Greenwich. I might vote La-

treme left." Mrs Veronica Waller: "1

But Mrs Jean Bennett said:

General Election: N.G.Barnett. (Lab), 13.361; A. Roffe, (C), 12.150; T. Ford, (SDP/All).

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Portfolio —Gold—

Hopes of

new TV

realized

Two readers shared yesterday's daily Portfolio Gold prize of £4,000, each receiving £2,000.

Mr R A Thompson, of North Holmwood, Dorking, Surrey, who is in his eighties, had been hoping to buy a replacement for his television set. "Now the extra money will make that easily possible," he said.

said. - Mr J W Davis, aged 49, an

former licensee from Hetton-le-Hole, Tyne and Wear, plans

to use his winnings to re-decorate his flat.

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Thompson: share in

£4,000 prize.

Slimmers vote

Duchess as

the top figure

Britain's slimmers' vision of

perfection is a combination of

royal reality and film star

fantasy, according to a survey by Slimming Magazine of its

Nationally, the Princess of

Wales is voted the most

attractive woman in the public

eye, with the Duchess of York

second, ahead of Joan Collins,

The Princess of Wales led

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Faster services and better stations in Inter-City shake-up

Improvements in British the day is to be improved oo vices, and hig investment to Rail's Inter-City services, including the extension of a are to be added to some There will be later trains to fully electrified service from London 10 Norwich from next May, are announced 10day.

Among the changes are the introduction of two Puliman services linking Birmingham and Sheffield with London. Day visits from many main centres will be possible using new earlier morning or later

evening return trains. The spread of trains over

services to ease overcrowding on Fridays. Dr John Prideaux, director of Inter-City, said the new services formed part of a

package of improvements for Inter-City in 1987, its twentyfirst anniversary year. Other improvements included easier access to many stations, with better car parking, provision of more air-conditioned ser-

BR cash rolled in after end of cheap first class

provincial foor the Methods in Methods ing back cheap off-peak first ciass day return tickets, but their abolition in 1983 does not uppear to have had much impact on revenues since then, according to the British Railways Board annual report for

> It shows that first class travel accounted for 1.6 per cent of total passenger journeys, but 10.5 per cent of passenger receipts. In 1981, probably the last reasonably typical year before the aboli-tion of first class day returns in May 1983, the figures were similar, although with first class travel accounting for just under 10 per cent of total

passenger receipts. British Rail said that first class travel contributed so much more to total receipts than to the number of journeys because many second class journeys were made at reduced fares, while first class journeys tended to be for longer dis-tances, mainly at full fares.

The Central Transport travel on some Inter-City Coosaltative Committee, trains at weekends.

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plans being scrapped, Londoo

Regiooal Transport said

The result of a strike ballot

amoog the workers - which the

Railwaymen is confident will

NUR leaders claim the vote

will not be used to call an

immediate strike but to put

pressure oo LRT to review its

announced next week.

British Rail has agreed to which has been pressing Brit-re-examine the case for bring- ish Rail to bring back the offpeak first class return ticket, has warned British Rail that by failing to dn so it has nearly destroyed first class travel for

ordinary, non-business travellers. However, it is understood that an internal British Rail report shows that first class travel is growing more rapidly than most other categories. A first class ticket is nor-

mally about 50 per cent dearer than a standard second class ticket, costing, for example £76 for a return journey between London and Manchester, against £50 for the standard second class return fare. However, some tickets offer second class return travel, subject to restrictions, for as little as £23 between the

There remain a number of ways in which it is possible to travel first class for below the standard first class fare. They include season and Rover tickets and bargain first class

Expansion of Tube 'at risk'

pay cuts.

York, Leeds and Newcastle

upon Tyne and there will be two new Friday services to Edinburgh and Newcastle to ease congestion.

On the west coast mainline to Scotland, there will continue to be six weekday trains each way between London and Glasgow. Some trains will have additional stops at key intermediate stations, includ-ing Milton Keynes, Warring-ton and Oxenholme, for the Lake District.

Journey times on the Mid-land line should be reduced by at Leicester is completed and more trains are hauled by the high speed Inter-City 125

Cross country services will also be improved. On the north-east to south-west route, all the basic services will be operated by Inter-City 125 trains. The mid-morning Newcastle to Penzance run will take two bours less.

In the late afternoon two new services will run from Liverpool to Poole, Dorset, and there will be an additional midday train from Poole to Manchester.

• More than 44,000 miles of new railway is proposed or being built io spite of the economie recession which has blighted development in recent years, according to a worldwide survey.

The rail survey, to be published in January, shows that 79 countries see investment in railways as vital for national prosperity.

However, Britaio bas only five miles of line being built. another 26 miles planned and a further 17 miles being

trainer is found dead Mr Paul Doyle, an Irish

Racehorse

racehorse trainer, was found dead with gunshot wounds to the head in a barn oo his stables at the Curragh in Co Kildare early yesterday.

Mr Doyle, in his late thir-ties, who had an international reputation as a bloodstock agent, had been ill for some time. A shotgun was found elose to his body and police have ruled out foul play.

Driver's claim

Mr Carl Lawrence, aged 49, of Albert Terrace, Newcastle under Lyme, Staffordshire, a security van driver, is to claim uofair dismissal agaiost Securicor before an industrial tribunal in Birmingham next month over the loss of his job after he handed cash to armed raiders at Trent Vale, Stoke oo Treot, last July.

Ex-MP sues

Sir Stephen Hastings, the former Conservative MP, yesagainst The Observer and its correspondents David Leigh and Paul Lashmar. The action is over a report of an alleged M15 plot to oust Sir Harold Wilsoo as Prime Minister.

Burial ruling

Mr Jack Heath, from Fenton, Stoke on Trent, Staffordshire, has been told he must wait five years before the body of his wife, Mrs Annie Heath, aged 71, who died on holiday in Spain and was buried near Benidorm last week, can be exhumed and brought to Britain.

Search fails

Police divers searched Ullswater in the Lake District yesterday for a missing Scot-tish solicitor. Mr Gerard Devlin, aged 30, left his home in Uddiogston, Lanarkshire, last Tuesday, to visit two Glasgow prisons, but he did not arrive. His car was found the next day at Gowbarrow, Ullswater. The lake search is expected to resume today.

Cars blasted

Police are hunting a man with a shotgun who has been hlasting cars in Newbury, Berkshire. A driver returned to his parked car yesterday to find it peppered with shot, apparently fired from a moving car. There have been similar incidents.

Erosion chief

A full-time management officer is to be appointed to tackle severe erosion caused by thousands of hikers along the Penine Way. National was oot defamatory.

The film was replaced on BBC-1 tonight by a repeat of the Noel Coward drama, Mr the Noel Coward drama, Mr wear and tear oo the 250-mile and Mrs. Edward to the Rangers say new techniques are needed to cope with the Noel Coward drama, Mr

Road safety campaign

Drivers steer clear of drink

Motorists earned the praise of police in most parts of the country for their response to the Christmas "Don't Drink and Drive" campaign, but that was tempered by warnings for equal vigilance

Many forces reported positive breath tests and injury accidents down on last year's figures. One noted an increase in cars with drunken passengers but sober drivers.

rest of the year.
Of the 4,364 drivers stopped during the year, 123 breath tests proved positive. This figure of 2.8 per cent compared with 3.2 per cent for

said the campaign had undoubtedly saved many lives

In Wiltshire, police intensment throughout the year, culminating in the Christmas positive breath tests.

Between December 19 and 28, 34 tests proved positive compared with 66 over the holiday period last year. The oumber of injury accidents fell from last year's 76 and two fatals, to 49 and one fatal.

The Bench is very much a

The bench is still predomi-

Out of a record number of 391 crown court judges sitting in England and Wales only 16

jodges appointed to crown courts last year only three were women. At the top of the legal tree there are about 80 High Court

Lords appeals. The problem is that there are oot sufficient women suit-

yesterday.
"As the pool of womeo

appoint more women as judges." mothers

106 over the holiday last year

over the new year.

Spearheading the campaign was Nottinghamshire, where positive breath tests over the Christmas period were down 38 per cent compared with the

similar campaigns during the

past three years.
Supt Roger Storey, head of the county's traffic division,

said they were "overjoyed". The campaign would contioue at its present level throughout

In Gloucestershire, where

man's world

appointments.

are women. And out of a record 50 new

judges, only three of them women. There are no women Court of Appeal judges or women dealing with House of

display unit near the door.

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away from their front door.

for scotch Police in Somerset are look-ing for a thief with n long straw and a penchant for 12-year-old

"It's amazing what some people will do for a drink," Chief Insp Rod Dean, of Somerset police, said yes-terday. "We can only think the thief used straws or got the letter box and drank it." Alternatively he may have

decanted some of the whisky into another container on the other side of the door. "We have often had people going on fishing expeditions in shops and injuries. before but usually they drag

the letter box," be said. They didn't spill any and we have never had anything campaign. The result was a reduction by almost a half in like this before." He warned other shopkeepers to keep their Christmas displays well

A spokesman for the force

nantly a man's world, according to statistics from the Lord Chancellor's Office on judicial

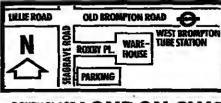
able to become judges, a spokesman for the Lord Chancellor's Department said

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efficiency plans which the union believes will lead to Five die in fire set off by candle

By Craig Seton

A candle used by a disabled woman because she could oot reach a light switch probably started the blaze which killed a family of five in a crowded flat in Birmingham, fire investigators believe.

Mrs Patricia Bossom, aged 34, who was confined to a wheelchair, died with her three sons and their grandmother aged 70, when the blaze destroyed their two bedroom council flat in King's Norton, Birmingham. The three boys - from Mrs

Bossom's first marriage -were John, aged 14, Simon, aged nine, and Paul, aged six. A male relative, aged 33, of Mrs Bossom, escaped from the inferno, but suffered severe burns and yesterday was seriously ill in Birmingham Accident Hospital.

Firemen wearing breathing gear fought through thick smoke and fierce flames in an attempt to rescue those inside. They found Mrs Bossom lying next to her wheelchair and the boys in a bedroom with their

Two of the children died oo their way to hospital.

Mrs Bossom's husband, Patrick, aged 39, tried unsuccessfully to tackle the fire when it swept through the flat late on Sunday night before running for help. He escaped

lands Fire Service, said yes-terday: "Mrs Bossom was disabled and in the evening it was common for her to read by candlelight after the others had gone to bed because she was unable to switch off the

lights. Fire iovestigators believe that Mrs Bossom fell asleep and the candle toppled over

Cross divorce and former racing driver, is to end his third marriage to the former Mrs Patricia Rossiter. The couple's names appear in the list of divorces to be heard in the High Court in the near

BBC 'cowardly' in

the union, which campaigned vigorously in the months leading up to the pre-Curistmas the Uoderground carried ballot, will consider a substantmore passengers than at any tial vote in favour as giving time in its history. A strike the green light to a strike would put at risk all the which could cripple inner tremendous achievements we

National Union of oot in dispute with the NUR

to mannower cuts.

Both claims are denied by continuing search for in-LRT and executives fear that creased efficiency woold lead

Threatened industrial ac- compulsory redundancies and man said. He admitted that the "In the last financial year,

Londoo commuter services. have made, with full union "We are, in fact, somewhat agreement, in the past few mystified by the ballot. We are years," the spokesman added. oot in dispute with the NUR "We are now beginning to

The BBC said yesterday that

pending the outcome of dis-

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Mr Slipper said that he was

prepared to sue the BBC for

libel if it had gone ahead with

the dramatization of the cap-

ture of Biggs and the failed

The film was defamatory

The film, scripted by Keith

Waterhouse from a book by

Aothony Delano, stars Jeremy

and misleading, Mr Slipper said. "I was amazed at the way

attempt to extradite him.

resenting Mr Slipper.

but the unioo is saying that it talk about expansion for the wants to force us into proper first time in many years and negotiations. In fact, we are we are justifying the massive committed to proper negotia- investment put into the

terday accused the corpora-tion of cowardice, incompetence and waste.

He said it was now unlikely that the BBC would ever show his film about the capture of the train robber. Ronald

the antics of Fleet Street journalists covering it. had lost its nerve in the wake of the libel case brought by two Conservative MPs against

film was taken in spite of legal advice that the programme

the foundation of a new organi-zation dedicated to improving the welfare of the unborn portance of the isliaby to the healthy development of babies, even before birth, was child, called the British Soci-

recommended at n meeting in London yesterday by Profes-sor Michel Odent, an eminent ety for Pre-Natal Psychology in Medicine, at which Sir Yehndi accepted an invitation The first president, elected He supplied evidence to at the meeting, Dr Michele Clement, an honorary consulshow the benefits of singing in gist to the Middlesex Yehudi Menuhin, who said: Hospital, west London, said "It is only in our vast and that it was well established synthetic civilization that thers no longer sing to their that drink, smoking and drugs during pregnancy put the un-bern child at considerable He was convinced it was "absolutely indispensable" in risk. There was also clear

forming a balanced and con- evidence that stress could be just as damaging. Dr Clement said that it was when both men were ottending essential to recognize that

we lived in particularly stress-ful and anxious times. ing from before conception to after-care of both the mother

and the unborn child, but was particularly concerned that mothers did not feel afraid. She said it was essential that the pregnant woman's emotional needs were appreached with the same care and attention as her physical ones, and to recognize that the psychological development of

rable in the process. Dr Clement spoke of her own research in the development of apparatus for monitormg early development of the

music and other vibrations. The instrument has been

and abdominal discomfort.

Jonathan Mestel, an English chess grandmaster, seeks inspiration on the beach yesterday at Hastings, East Sussex, before the 62nd Foreign and Colonial Hastings Chess Congress at the Queen's Hotel (Photograph: Peter Trievnor).

Thief is sucker and injury accidents were down 18 to 93. Arrests for drink-driving offences io Sussex fell to 267 in the four weeks to Boxing Day, 85 fewer than in the same period last year and injury accidents were also down,

malt whisky.

Their hunt follows the from 494 to 319. In Avon and Somerset, discovery of an empty one-and-a-half litre bottle of Glen Moray on the doormat inside there was a 50 per cent drop in positive breath tests, but officers reported an increase in an off-licence in the town of the number of cars with sober Street. When the shop was shut for Christmas the bulky drivers and drunken passengers. bottle was standing on a

There were fewer drinking drivers in Sussex during the holiday, with 217 arrests compared with 352 in the same period last year. Provisional accident figures also showed an improvement, to 319 from neck of the bottle through the 494 last December.

> The figures in Derbyshire were against the general trend, with 53 drivers over the drink limit compared with only 40 last year, but at the same time injury accideots io the couoty dropped from 94 last Christmas to 75 this year.

Also showing a slight increase was Staffordshire where drivers gave positive breath samples which was three more than last year.

Brawls in which 23 Thames Valley officers were hurt, prompted Assistant Chief Constable Peter Wioship, to almost exactly the same numappeal to new year revellers to ber of motorists were breath go easy on the alcohol.

but 58 per cent of the respondents preferred the Duchess of York's size-12 figure to the Princess's 5ft 10in, size 10.

The Duke of York was voted most attractive man ahead of Tom Selleck and Richard Redford, Cliff Richard, Clint Eastwood and Paul Newman were remembered with a 3 per

cent vote. Daly Thompson, the ath-lete, shared the best body title with Tom Selleck. The survey shows that the average slimmer in Britain is a woman, aged 29, married with

two children, 5ft 4in who weighs 11st 5lb. She believes that overweight people are less attractive. Chocolate, bread and sweets are blamed for her difficulty in

halting Biggs film

The film-maker who di- had not been screened by rected Slip-up, the Great Train executives until three weeks Robbery drama withdrawn from tonight's BBC schedule ago, after it had been sched-uled, he said. at the demand of a retired Scotland Yard detective, yesthe film had been postponed

"I'm extremely angry and the actors are furious," Mr James Cellan Jones said. He directed the £600,000 film, one of the most expensive to be produced by the BBC.

I'd been portrayed. Besides Biggs, in Brazil by former Det Chief Supt Jack Slipper and the numerous ioaccuracies throughout the film, it didn't do me justice."

Mr Slipper said he was pleased that the BBC had He claimed that the BBC postponed the film but would be satisfied only when it was scrapped.

a Panorama programme, which ended in a £250,000 settlement. Kemp as Mr Slipper, Larry Lamb as Biggs and Nicholas Le Prevost as Colin MacKen-Defying a BBC order to keep silent about the circumstances surrounding the film, zie, the Daily Express reporter who led Mr Slipper to Biggs to Mr Cellan Jones claimed that the decision to postpooe the

gain a world exclusive. the BBC eight months ago but and Mrs Edgehill.

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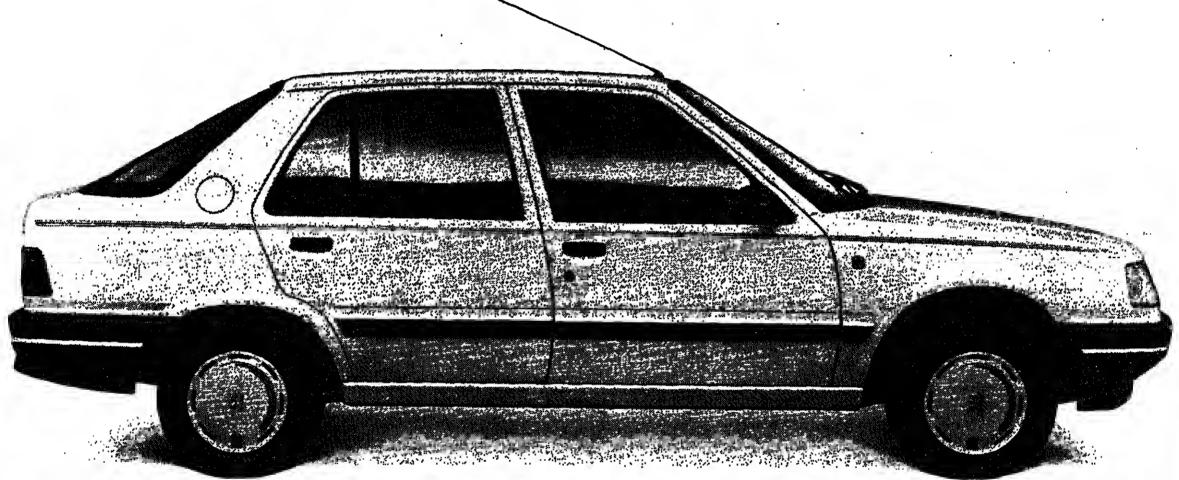
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Housing finance: 2

Societies aiming at urban renewal and specialized homes

It is natural that the Halifax, as the biggest, should lead the building societies into the housing market. But it has not been driven into it "by some confused notion of social duty". Mr John Spalding, director and chief executive.

Says.

Our investment resis on a hard core of commercial logic: to maintain and improve the condition of housing in this country, and to secure our longer-term lending markets,"

Already the Halifax has some 120 projects under way, mostly with housing associations, and a total of about £130 million committed to provide about 5.000 homes, largely in urban renewal schemes and providing sheltered homes for the elderly.

Support for housing initiatives and urban renewal began with a special budget in 1982 of £35 millioo. The allocation has grown to £300 million in 1986, representing 5 per cent of ioial lending.

The new subsidiary company will normally use a "design and build" approach, using large or medium-size builders.

In the second of two articles, Christopher Warman, Property Correspondent, describes building societies' plans to move into housing and particularly into specialized developments.

Mr David Couttie, the society's housing development controller, hopes for involvement in a greater mix-ture of tenures than in the past, concentrating on:

• Owner occupation, which the society believes could reach saturation at 70-75 per cent (it is now about 64 per cent in England);

• The specialist market, such as homes for single people, and developments incorporat-ing offices or showrooms in bousing projects, because more people work from bome; And ways of developing

private rented bousing.
The Halifax also has bigurban renewal projects, such
as at Swansea docks. It is iovolved in shared ownership schemes and is also enthusiastie about the regeneration of private rented

Index-linked finance seems to be the answer, it believes, and suggests the partoership

ot building societies, provid-ing index-linked loans, and housing associations.

The Nationwide, which has already completed about 1,600 units, will aim at 2,000 a year, and perhaps more after its merger with the Anglia Building Society. "It is not our job to compete with the volume builder," it states.

"The overtones of our work are social, and we will be aiming at the elderly, disabled, first-time buyers, and those with special needs, extending the range of housing supply and widening the choice through different funding

arrangements."
The Woolwich Equitable
Building Society funds schemes where the purchasers are nominees who buy a leasehold interest through the local authority. The society is determined to pursue its philosophy of providing housing for people who could not otherwise afford it on the open



Ray Reardon in jovial mood at the table with Mr Charlie Pearce and Mrs Helen Hamlyn (Photograph: Mark Pepper).

Snooker gives the elderly a new life

Snooker and pool are well in favour among elderly residents of Ellesmere Home in Fulham, present. west London, after a coaching session yesterday by Ray Reardon, the former world

Mr Reardon coached Mr Charlie Pearce, aged 80, one of lems of the aged.

95 male and female residents
of the residential and day care

Ellesmere administrator, said

The gift was organized by the Helen Hamlyn Foundation, an organization estab-lished 12 months ago to seek creative solutions to the prob-

that the table had been in constant use since it was unveiled three weeks ago. Mrs Hamlyn is a frequent visitor,

While lobbying the Government to improve conditions for the elderly, the foundation has co-sponsored an exhibition of products at The Boilerbouse, Victoria and Albert Museum, South Kensing-

ton, west London, designed to help the aged remain

Mr O'Hearn said that a special feature of life for Ellesmere residents was the opportunity for them to meet and work with three an-employed 17-year-olds, who are spending a year on work experience at the bome.

Mystery caller says she knows murderer

An anooymous woman tele-phone caller has told detec-tives that she knows the killer

of the Bradford teacher, Mr Donald Swaine. Detectives leading the investigation said yesterday that an officer received a telephone call at the Batley police sta-tion, 10 miles from the mur-

The woman said she knew who was responsible for the death of Mr Swaine, aged 48, but refused to give personal details or elaborate.

Det Supt Ken Baines, who is leading the murder investigation, pleaded for the woman to get in touch again. "The officer who took the call had a feeling she was being genuioe," he said.

The woman who rang the police station could be a prostitute who works in the red light district where Mr Swaine's body was found.

Mr Swaine, who worked at the Drummood Language Centre in Bradford, was walking home to Hazelhurst Road. Heaton, Bradford, oo Christmas morning after a drink with colleagues from the Youth Hostels Associatioo.

He was dragged to a back yard at Highfield Place, Bradford, where he was attacked. Mr Swaine's widow, Brenda, aged 51, and their children. Martin, aged 15, and Helen, aged 13, were being comforted by relatives.

Fair rent panels criticized

A housing aid centre has alleged that a system of fixing a fair rent for private tenants seems loaded against the

The criticism comes in the wake of a case of a Norwich man whose rent was first lowered by £15 a month by a fair rent officer, theo increased by £70 a month by a rent assessment committee after an appeal by his landlord.

Sbac, the Loodon housing aid centre, said such cases were common and called for assessment committees to be scrapped, leaving the fair rent officer's decision to be chal-

lenged in the courts. The fair rent system, administered by the Department of the Environment, was designed to stop unscrupulous landlords charging excessive

Shac poiots out, however, that according to government figures for 1985, assessment committees increased rents above a rent officer's recom-mendation in 57 per cent of cases. A lower rent was recommended in only 16 per cent of

In London, committees increased rents above an officer's recommendations in 70 per cent of cases and

reduced rents in 7 per cent.
Shac said: "One criticism of these committees is that they are packed with property professionals' appointed from the local great and good, and they tend more towards the

landlord's point of view."
The Department of the Eovironment dismissed the criticism and pointed out that people from different walks of life were appointed to the

Dog-bite athlete reassured

Eamoon Coghlan, the international athlete who was savaged by a dog set oo him by two teenagers as he was out training in Dublin, bopes to be back to training when he returns to the United States next week.

Fears that severe tissue damage caused by bites to his right calf and left thigh could put his career in jeopardy were allayed by surgeons yesterday after the athlete underwent two operations. But it will be some days before the full extent of the damage is

The world 5,000 metres champioo and bolder of the indoor mile record said he hoped to resume training for the United States indoor season. His left hand was broken wheo be tried to ward off the terrier dog, which had been told "get him, get him" by the

He had rebuked them for shouting bad language to a woman and her child.

Mr Coghlan, aged 33, was visited in bospital yesterday by his wife, Yvonne, and their two children.

Rescuer dies

Miss Gladys Gale, aged 64, who was badly burnt rescuing her collie dog from her blazing Wiltshire borne last Friday, died late oo Sunday. Firemen took her from her house in Codford St Mary still elutching the dog.

Blandford case

Lord Blandford, aged 31; will appear before magistrates at Thame, Oxfordshire, oo January 15 accused of speeding on the Oxford ring road.

Shelbourne dispute

Elegant hotel is unusually quiet

Visitors arriving at the Trust House Forte hotel in Dublin are greeted by picketing staff demanding better pay. Where once the head porter, Mr James Dixon, would greet them inside the hotel's foyer, he can now be found along with other colleagues out on the street with fellow members of the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union.

Although the management has entered the festive spirit hy decorating the hotel's ground floor function rooms, staff admit privately that business has been affected seriously by the dispute.

The 177-room hotel's ban-queting facilities are not operating, and while the bar, dining room, and lounge remain upon they are not as busy as usual for the Christmas period. Other botels in the city report an increased number of people who used to stay at the Shelbourne coming to their premises during the past few

Staff from the hotel group in Britain, together with people recruited since the dispute started, have belped keep the Shelbourne's doors open dursign of an early settlement.

It is being organized by the ITGWU, which as part of its

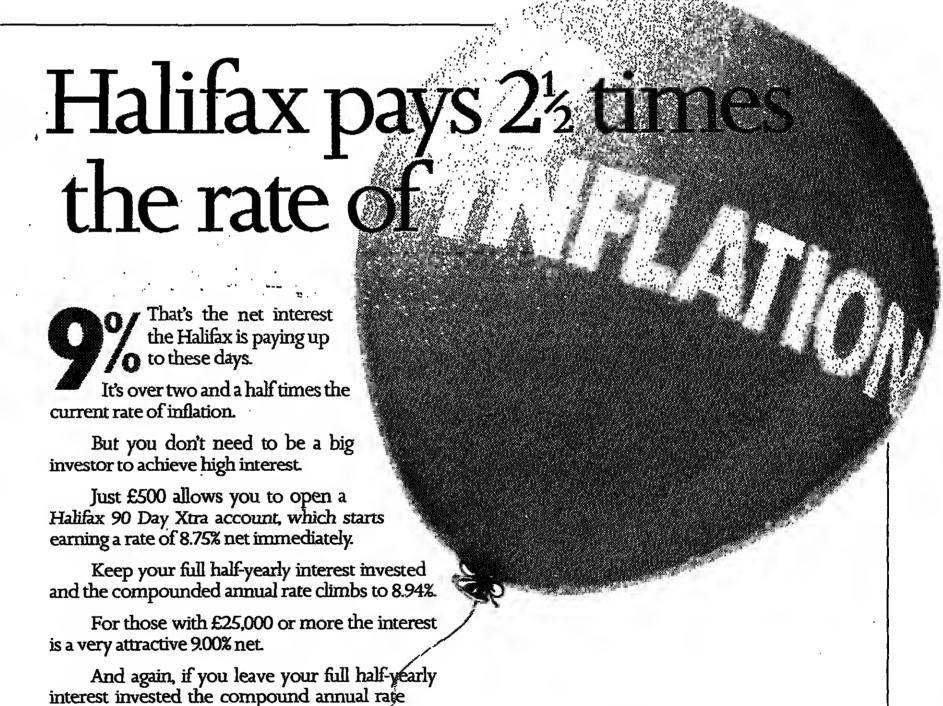
Things are unusually quiet at the Shelbourne Hotel, "the most distinguished address in Ireland", as a strike by more than 100 workers enters its twelfth week.

Campaign published a mock menu listing meals and their prices opposite job descriptions and basic rates of pay. It described a day at the Shelbourne, adding, "with many their their prices opposite job descriptions and basic rates of pay. It described a day at the Shelbourne, adding, "with many their their prices opposite job descriptions and basic rates of pay. It described a day at the Shelbourne, adding, "their prices opposite job descriptions and basic rates of pay. It described a mock menu listing meals and their prices opposite job descriptions and basic rates of pay. It described a mock menu listing meals and their prices opposite job descriptions and basic rates of pay. It described a day at the Shelbourne, adding, "the menu listing meals and their prices opposite job descriptions and basic rates of pay. It described a day at the Shelbourne, adding, "the menu listing meals and their prices opposite job descriptions and basic rates of pay. It described a day at the Shelbourne, adding, "the menu listing meals and their prices opposite job descriptions and basic rates of pay. It described a day at the Shelbourne, adding the menu listing meals and their prices opposite job descriptions and basic rates of pay. It described a menu listing meals and their prices opposite job descriptions and basic rates of pay. It described a menu listing meals and their prices opposite job descriptions and basic rates of pay. It described a day at the shellow menu listing meals and their prices opposite job descriptions and basic rates of pay. jor reservations about the wage levels", and compared the Ir£18 for slices of fresh salmon cooked in butter and served on a sauce of white wine and sampbire with the Inf.13.60 carned by a waitress for an eight-hour day, and added: "She couldn't afford the meal she served."

The ITGWU says that basic earnings at the hotel, which employs 170 people, are lower than in other comparable establishments in the city and in particular with THF's other property, the International Airport Hotel. The union also complains about the distribu-tion system of the 15 per cent service charge payable on food and room receipts claiming that the company takes 2.5 per cent to supplement the earn-ings of a number of employees.

THF said that it would not negotiate under duress, but added that it had implemented a 6 per cent pay award plus an extra Ir£3 a week recommended by the Labour Court in the republic. It said: "We have cetal in accordance with have acted in accordance with accepted practices in dealing with disputes of this kind." It claimed that the hotel was

operating normally. On Friday evening at 9pm



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found that Mr Shamir, al-

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hijack in April 1984.

A secret report by the ings from lawyers and political Justice Ministry has cleared opponents of Mr Shamir. Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli Prime Minister, of any responsibility for the death of two Palestinians at the hands of the Shin Bet counter intelligence agency and for the

subsequent cover-up. The scapegoat for what happened is Mr Avraham Shalom, who was forced to resign as head of Shin Bet over the affair and who, like ten other agents involved, was

The High Court granted a defence request and post-poned, until Frebruary 16, the hearing of war crimes charges against Ivan John Demianjuk, alleged executioner of

granted a Presidential pardon after admitting improper and criminal behaviour.

The report also exonerated Mr Shimon Peres, who was Prime Minister during a rigged inquiry into the case, and Mr Moshe Arens, who was Defence Minister when the killings occurred. It concludes there is no point in prosecuting any of the pardoned agents nor the unpardoned former deputy head of Shin Bet, Mr Reuven Hazak, who knew what was happening but who theo forced the affair into the open.

Mr Shamir was delighted with the outcome and "satisfied that the truth is now out". Those who had criticized him should oow eat their

There has been immediate



Brother Clement Mullanger, of the Anglican Society of Sacred Mission in the tiny town of Modderpoort, in South Africa's Free State, leads worshippers in Christmas celebrations in a cave, thus perpetuating the ancient tradition of early Christians who sought to keep their worship secret from persecutors. Bet lawyers. After Mr Hazak

Happier to live in Siberia

Moscow branded Maryana as a witch

From Christopher Walker Moscow

The latest and most bizarre result of the Soviet media's new policy of glasnost (openness) has been the disclosure of the extent to which medieval superstitions and a belief in old-fashioned witchcraft are still thriving among well-edu-cated young urban dwellers in the Soviet Union.

The finding was published in the latest edition of the had issued a general instrucpopular magazine, Rabonitsa (Working Woman), which investigated the disturbing case of a young woman identified only as Maryana, who was forced into self-imposed exile in Siberia after being con-

The article has provided public confirmation of the cussion of this dreadful conviction held by many lead-phenomenon should appear in ing Western observers that superstitions of all kinds remain far more deeply rooted in should find support in sensible the Soviet character than public opinion.?" Soviet officials have until re-

Soviet witch, appealed to the magazine's editors for belp after being driven from her home only "a 40-minute train ride" from Moscow.

"It seems that a great many people believe in all sorts of incuntations, fortune-telling bewitchment and casting

"Even a high education does not hinder this belief. Is it not print so that victims like myself, of such absurd tales,

credited annually on 1st September to this account.

Full name(s) Mr/Mrs/Miss_____

The magazine reported that coulty been prepared to admit. The investigation was launched after the woman, a friend were going out with branded as a 20th century two local boys, one of whom died suddenly of brain cancer

Their chemistry teacher suggested that an evil spell had been cast on the dead boy and rumours began circulating that Maryana was a witch

Her friend then claimed she had cast a spell which had wrecked her marriage and a had been born with a con tal disease only because his birth coincided with the year Maryana arrived in the town.
"Maryana's friends and

acquaintances all accepted the fact that she was indeed a them they would either lower their eyes or cross the road," the magazine said.

"It would be timely to remind the reader that this took place not in the dark middle-ages, but in our own enlightened century, which we call atomic, not to mention,

The article added that the woman became such an "ob-ject of fear and hatred" in the town that she finally left for northern Siberia, where she now lives much more happily.

Redundant labour faces socialist version of the dole

part series on Hungarian financial reforms, Roger Boyes, East Europe Corres pondent, looks at their impact on employment prospects in

industry.

Next year is the year when the sacred cows of Hungarian industry begin to buckle at the knees. As the Government withdraws subsidies from traditionally protected sectors

- the steel and engineering industries, meat processors and coal mines, among others - so large-scale redundancies are becoming more common. It is officially estimated that

between 150,000 and 200,000 jobs will have to go between now and 1990, with workers being "redirected." Some of the cuts that come into force this year include:

 Seven thousand railway jobs. Because the authorities reduced their subsidy to Hungarian Railways, operating profits have dropped from about 10 billion forints (£140 million) to the 1986 level of

⑥ There is no room any more for evangelists of simple socialist equality in Hungary 9

600 million forints (just over £10 million).

• About 200 workers will be shed from the Meat Processing Company in southern Hungary and several other plants, processing mainly pork, will be announcing simi-lar redundancies in the next few months.

 Plant closures in a Hungarian foundry near the Czecho-Slovak border will lead to the dismissal of about 600 workers, and a further 1,500 will be laid off before 1990.

There is officially no unemployment under communism and all the dismissed workers will be offered new jobs. But with scores of enterprises close to bankruptcy, there are doubts about whether the Hungarian economy is elastic enough to absorb quickly those made

The new year is expected to bring a much sharper im-plementation of the Hungarian bankruptcy laws which permit creditors and unpaid suppliers to take defaulting companies to court. It is all part of a structural upheaval and a large number of workers in sick industries are likely to

The unions have negotiated a special "reintegration" grant for laid off workers. But Hungary's economy Part 2

though union leaders deny it the system sounds suspiciously like the dole.

The unions have become an important part of the equation in Hungary - and indeed in all Soviet bloc countries preparing to introduce market-style measures. Since the banning of Solidarity in Poland one noticed a distinctive trend: Communist unions now form the fiercest resistance to

This emerged oot only at a recent congress of the Polish Government-sponsored unions - where the speech of union leader Mr Alfred Miodowicz sounded distinctly conservative — but also in Hungary. One of the top party leadership io Hungary, Mr Károly Grosz, sometimes regarded as a hard-lioer, has recently been emphasizing the need for income differentials

"We are constantly required to call to account those people who are smarter, more diligent and more talented than others in order to ask them to explain their high wages," Mr Grosz said. "But it is obvious: their incomes are higher because they are smarter, more diligent and talented. Should we hit these people on the head and force them constantly to defend themselves? We will oot choose this approach."

This could be regarded as a direct assault on the trade unions which have been pressing for much smaller incomes differentials. But there is no room any more for evangelists of simple socialist equality in Hungary. When the party leadership makes a rare reference to equality it refers only to the somewhat dubious 'equality of opportunity."

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The deeper ooe probes the more obvious become the parallels between what is happening in the East and the changes underway in the West. That does not necessarily mean that Hungary is smuggling capitalism into the Soviet bloc. Rather it suggests that industrialized countries in both East and West are facing difficult problems of modernization and that there are few available options.

But after four decades of sheltered living the new financial revolution in Hungary will be profoundly shocking to ordinary people, more un-nerving than similar developments in the West.

18 die in **Christmas** massacre

From Ahmed Fazl Dhaka

Eighteen people were killed in a Christmas Day massacre as separatist tribal guerrillas raided a border village in Bangladesh's troubled south-eastern Chittagong Hill Tracts region, the Interior Ministry disclosed yesterday.

The guerrillas came from the eastern Indian state of

Tripura. The massacre occurred two days after at least 20 people were killed when the outlawed Shanti Bahini — which has been fighting for a separate homeland for half a millioo Chakma and Marma tribes men since 1976 – attacked the frontier town of Ramgarh.

Police said most of the Christmas Day victims were ethnic Bengali Muslims, resettled to the tribal village of Marishya.

Authorities said the two bloody incidents halted the repatriation of more than 10,000 tribesmen who fled to India last April as security forces stepped up an anti-insurgency drive.

Meanwhile, Bangladesh and Indian officials began talks yesterday to halt the cross-border fighting

Punjab at standstill for protest

From Kuldip Nayar Delhi

Following a call by the All-India Sikh Studeots Federatioo for a two-day hartal (closure) from yesterday, the state of Punjab was practically at a standstill and even Hindus did not open shops, despite the advice of Shiv Sena, a Hindu militant body. Apart from isolated incidents of violence, the protest was peaceful.

The action, supported by militants and the Akali hreakaway group of Mr Prakash Singh Badal, the former Punjah Chief Minister, was called in protest at death senteoces imposed on three assassins of Mrs Indira Gandhi, the late Prime Mioister, and delay io the release of more than 300 Sikhs detained at Jodhpur since 1984.

Buses and trains remained idle in most parts of the state. In many cities Sikhs youths went oo to the streets to shout slogaos io support of Khalistan, the concept of an independent state for Sikhs.

Io Amritsar district police yesterday arrested 12 extremists who were said to have been responsible for the death of a village headman

Rebels renew attacks after Barre victory

From Our Correspondent, Nairobi

confidence, returning him to accident power for another seven-year Althou term, rebel forces of the Somali National Liberation Movement (SNLM), suddenly renewed their and County and the second state of the solution and the second state of t Movement (SNLM), suddenly to be working only two hours a day, on medical advice. ment attacks after a long dormant period.

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The rebel broadcast said the The rebel broadcast said the attack was on Gumburra, nearly 20 miles from Hargeisa.

A rally took place in the seaside capital oo Sunday to celebrate the victory for soldier political.

As Somalis went to the polls cootinue the struggle to topple to give President Siad Barre a the Somali leader, who was massive 99.93 per cent vote of seriously hurt last May in a car

The election results, sup-

plied by the country's Elec-toral Commission, indicated According to the Ethiopian-toral Commission, indicated that 4.8 million voted in by the SNLM, they launched a polling for the sole candidate major attack on an army base on December 23. The 99.93 in northern Somalia, killing more than 100 Government troops, including their commander, Colonel Ahmed Named Named

which serves as the Army's dier-politician, who seized battalion headquarters.

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The latest presidential election aged 67, but some believe him as a fraud and pledged to to be much older.



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From David Watts

Tokyo
The Japanese Government has removed an important

psychological hrake on its defence expenditure with a decision to exceed a self-imposed limit of I per cent of gross national product next

The decision came as the climax of several days of bargaining between the Direc-

tor-General of the Defence Agency, Mr Yuko Kurihara, and the Minister of Finance, Mr Kiichi Miyazawa, as the Government and bureaucracy

put the final touches to next

Only overseas development aid and domestic provisions for investment by Gov-

ernment and local authorities. apart from defence, will be

allowed significant increases

in expenditure in the hudget,

details of which will be an-

The I per cent ceiling on defence spending, first introduced a decade ago. has

been an important reassur-

ance to many members of the

opposition and the public that

the country's defence spend-

ing would not run out of

control and, for neighbouring

The possibility of hreaching

the I per cent barrier has been

discussed for years but only in

the past year or so has the Government indicated it was

likely to come soon.

The decision to allow de-

fence spending to rise to 1.004

per cent of GNP for the 1987

fiscal year brought immediate condemnation from the opp-

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WORLD SUMMARY

Risk of new blast at German hotel

Bonn — Firemen yesterday were burning off leaking liquid gas at a Bavarian winter resort hotel amid the risk of a further explosion following a hlast last Saturday that killed seven guests and injured 12 others (John England writes). The Hotel Riessersee, in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, near the German-Austrian border, was declared a high-danger area after unsuccessful attempts to introduce nitrogen into the gas pipes to prevent another explosion.

Four of the injured, who suffered heres to up to 80 per cont

Four of the injured, who suffered burns to up to 80 per cent of their skin, were still critically ill yesterday.

The last of the dead, a man whose body was recovered from a wrecked wing of the hotel on Sunday, had also not been

A guest from Bona, named as Herr Eckhart Bialas, aged 46, was reported as missing as experts from the state police bureau waited for firemen to give them the all-clear to begin, sifting the wreckage for definite evidence on the cause of the

Airstrip

Pretoria (Renter) -South Africa yesterday confirmed reports it had plans to build an airstrip on Marion Island in the Antarctic, but ignored allegations that it was connected with nuclear missile tests.

Mr John Wiley, the Minister of Environment Affairs and Fisheries, said Pretoria was investigating the "ecological" effects of building an airstrip on the island. He said an airstrip would improve South Africa's control of the fishing zone around the island.

70 killed in Sudan

Nairobi - Before the rebel troops of the Sudan Peoples' Liberation Army (SPLA) declared a Christmas truce, they killed more than 70 Government sol-diers in heavy fighting near Juba, capital of the south-ern Sudan (A Correspondent writes).

According to a rebel broadcast, monitored in Nairobi, the main battle took place outside Mongalia, on the White Nile, and also resulted in the destruction of some military vehicles.

Singapore reshuffle
Singapore (Reuter) - Mr Suppiah Dhanabalan, the

Singapore Foreign Minister, was given the additional portfolio of National Development Minister in a Cabinet reshuffle announced yesterday and due to take effect from January 1.

Also promoted in the reshuffle were the acting Trade and Industry Minister, Mr Lee Hsien Loong (son of the Prime Minister, Mr Lee Knan Yew), the acting Labour Minister, Mr Lee Yock Suan, and the acting Community Development Minister, Mr Wong Kau Seng. All three were made full

Mr Dhanabalan takes over as National Develope Minister from Teh Cheang Wan, who died on December 14. In other changes, Mr Richard Hn Tsu Tan relinquished his concurrent appointment as Health Minister but will remain as Finance Minister.

Mr Yeo Cheow Tong, Minister of State for Health, was named acting Health Minister.

Libyan victory

Paris (AP) - Press reports said yesterday that the desert outpost of Zouar at the edge of the Tibesti Mountains in extreme northern Chad fell to the Libyan forces that had been attacking it since December 19. The Chadian Embassy would not confirm or deny the report. Unnamed sources in

Paris said the Libyans seized Zouar in fighting Sunday night and yesterday morning.

Refugees to move

Bangkok (AP) -- A ma-or Cambodian refugee holding centre will be closed on New Year's Eve and its 25,000 residents will be sent to border camps, a senior Thai official said yesterday. Mr Prasong Soonsiri

secretary-general to the Thai Prime Ministersaid the decision stemmed from Theiland's dissatisfaction with the slow rate of acceptance of Indochinese refugees by Western nations.

Arabs' second satellite

Abu Dhabi (AFP) - The board of the Arab Organization for Space Communications and Satellites (Arabsat) began a two-day meeting here yesterday to discuss plans to lamuch

the second generation of Arab satellites.

The meeting, the 39th of the 22-member organization, is chaired by Mr Faisal Zeidan, the Sandi Arabian Communications Under-Secretary, and is being attended by representatives from the United Arab Emirates, Libya, Kuwait, Syria, Oman, Algeria and Morocco.

Birthday amnesty

Kathmandn (AP) Some 202 prisoners had their prison terms remitted and were set free yesterday on the occasion of King Birendra's 42nd birthday, the Home Affairs Ministry announced.

The men had been serv-ing terms ranging from one month to 20 years after being convicted of theft and other crimes.

Shuttle payouts
Washington (AP) - The
Justice Department said

yesterday it has reached confidential, out-of-court settlements with the fam-ilies of the school teacher, Mrs Christa McAuliffe, and three other astronauts who died in the explosion of the space shuttle Challenger. The settlements are to be paid "over an ex-tended period".

Voyager couple set for the big sell

After collecting medals tions to travel to London,

from President Reagan here Paris, Tokyo, and Milan.

1 today, Dick Rutan and Jeana Mr Riva is a New York Yeager, the pilots who went around the world on one tank of fuel in their experimental aircraft, Voyager, will embark on a whirlwind journey to conquer the high-flying world of marketing. Mr Rutan, aged 49, a Viet-

nam combat veteran and his pretty 34-year-old co-pilot, have already become the darlings of the American talkshow circuit. But just days after the historic trip they begin a high-powered cam-paign that could hring them millions of dollars from books, television appearances, commercial endorsements and even a film based on their

pioneering flight.

Dan Card, the husiness manager for the Voyager, admitted that the two pilots "have been aggressively and actively marketed and promoted. A book is in the works and a movie is bound to follow.

In one office in the California desert town of Mojave, where the Voyager began and finished its global journey. Peter Riva had been hired to answer hundreds of telephone _ calls requesting interviews.

Already there are invita-

Mr Riva is a New York Mr Riva is a New York literary agent and the grandson of the film star Marlene Dietrich. "I'd, love to see somebody exciting play the parts. Maybe Robert Redford for Dick and somebody with spunk and character like Sissy Spacek to do Jeana's role." Spacek to do Jeana's role."

Since the end of their journey Miss Yeager and Mr Rutan have been trying to catch up on their sleep and fit in television talk-show

ppearances. Mr Rutan told interviewers there had been moments of fear during the nine-day, nonstop 26.000-mile odyssey."I was scared a few times, going through ferocious thunderstorms and on the last leg when we lost our rear engine."

Then turning to his slender co-pilot, he added: "The courage of this thing, rubbing my neck and my shoulders and saying. 'We can get through, We can get through, was tremendous." tremendous.

The interviews ended with Mr Rutan noting "Here are the answers to the two mostasked questions - No. Jeana is not related to Chuck Yeager and we put it in a bag and dropped it overboard."



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Striking French railwaymen marching in front of a stranded train yesterday during a protest demonstration at Marseille's Saint-Charles station.

French rail peace hope grows after concession

From Diana Geddes Paris

Fresh hopes for a settlement of the 12-day-old French rail strike arose yesterday when the SNCF management announced that it was ready to re-open official talks with the unions today in view of what it described as a significant improvement in train services.

Last week, M Jean Dupuy. the head of the state-owned French railways, had said that negotiations on pay, working conditions and the new merit-based salary scales, could not resume until all the strikers returned to work.

However, by the weekend, M Dupuy had already begun talking of the possibility of opening informal talks, as it became clear that the railwaymen had no intention of calling off their strike.

Now he has changed his mind again to allow the resumption of formal negotiations, broken off eight days ago, after what appears to have been only a minimal improvement in an otherwise chaotic situation. Indeed, the only significant

change yesterday seemed to be the partial re-opening of the and Roman Catholic churches Gare du Nord in Paris permit- all clean those parts of the ment, the resumption of 40 per cent of normal services, though that figure is contested by the strikers. Elsewhere, conditions

seemed to be much the same as on the previous day, with only between one-in-three and one-in-four trains running, often at unscheduled times, and frequently subject to un-predictable delays caused by strikers blocking the lines.

Meanwhile, the Government is continuing to refuse to intervene directly in the dispute. Nevertheless, M Jacques Chirac, the Prime Minister, who cancelled a planned New Year's holiday in Tunisia in order to follow developments, called a ministerial meeting yesterday to discuss the political implications of the strike and to consider possible alternative means of transport.

Earlier, M Chirac held talks with President Mitterrand on what was described as the "internal French situation." President Mitterrand is due to go on television tomorrow to give his traditional New Year's Eve address.

Coming hard on the heels of the student demonstrations. the present rail dispute is seen as another potentially damaging blow to the conservative Government's image, as well as to its wages policies. M Chirac is determined this time not to give in so easily.

"The whole Government is keeping a close watch on developments in this social conflict, and hopes that acceptable solutions — which will not undermine the economic-recovery now in process - will be found in order to bring an end to a dispute which is harmful for the nation," M Denis Baudouin, the Prime Minister's spokesman, said yesterday.

government coalition parties.

would mean the party would

end up £7 million in the red.

Britain and Guatemala resume diplomatic relations

Treaty ignores Belize question

By Andrew McEwan Diplomatic Correspondent

Britain and Guatemala yesterday announced the resumption of full diplomatic relations after a 23-year hreak. Both countries are to nominate ambassadors soon. The cause of the long si-

lence, however, remains unsettled. Guatemala has not renounced its territorial claims to Belize, formerly the colony of British Honduras, and Britain has not undertaken to withdraw its 1,600 troops from Belize, which it keeps there to guarantee the country's independence.

down a Greek monk from a

ladder in the Basilica of the

Holy Nativity in Bethlehem

yesterday when he tried to

was permitted in a com-

plicated inter-confessional

clean more of the church than

Monks in clash over

Bethlehem clean-up

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

Armenian monks shouted traditionally theirs.

of the agreed statement was one paragraph shorter than the Spanish document. Although unavailable in London, the Spanish document was said by Whitehall sources to contain a reference to Guatemala's claim.

The sources expected the agreement's wording to indicate that Britain would try its hardest to settle the question of territorial claim. But Britain's position is that it has no jurisdiction and only direct talks between Guatemala and Belize can resolve their differences. Britain has acted as an observer in direct talks in Underscoring continuing the past.

differences, the British version The announcement made

Two years ago Armenians

and Greeks came to blows

priate period to assist with external defence and the training of the Belize defence force".

The Belize issue has undermined relations between Britain and Guatemala for nearly half a century. As long ago as 1939 Guatemala denounced the UK-Guatemala Treaty of 1859, which recognised the boundaries between British Honduras and Guatemala.

Guatemala broke off relations in two stages. Dip-Iomatic links were severed in 1963 when the newly renamed and President Cerezo.

no reference to the British colony was granted self-govgarrison, hut the sources said: ernment, and then in 1981 "It will remain for an appro- when Belize attained independence, it cut consular countries, a reassurance that Japan would not again berelations.

The establishment of a civilian Government in Guatemala this year paved the way for talks. These led to a resumption of consular relations in August with a de-clared goal of full restoration hy the end of the year.

Until November it appeared unlikely that the target date would be achieved, hut the goal was realized after a meeting in Miami between Lady Young, the Minister of State at the Foreign Office,

two warnings about three-

quarters of an hour before the

The bornh had been planted

Nakasone the man to break mould

The US Government will be delighted that Japan is now demonstrahly willing to share more of the burden of its own defence and that of the Pacific. The Government of Mr

Yasuhiro Nakasone, himself a former Director of the Defence Agency, clearly felt that there would never be a more propitious time than now to break this particular taboo after the Liberal Democratic Party's (LDP) landslide elec-

of five bedrooms badly tion victory in July. Mr Nakasone is the most popular Japanese leader in recent history and no one is better fitted than he to dispose of potentially unpopular decisions before he is due to leave

office in October next year.

The Defence Agency originally requested a 6.7 per cent increase in defence spending, the Finance Ministry cut it back to 4.1 per cent in initial bargaining but after intervention by senior figures in the LDP several of the agency's requests were restored and the increase went up to 5.2 percent.

The practical effects of the decision - the restoration of four F15 jet fighters, three Lockheed P3C Orion anti-suhmarine aircraft and one support vessel and other less glamorous items to the military's shopping list - are miniscule compared to the psychological effects of allowing defence spending to take up a larger part of the budget each year.

Japan's constitution, after all, still maintains that the country will not retain armed forces and pledges forever to renounce the right to settle

agreement. Yesterday was general broom. This year, however, he cleaning day in the basilica tried to stretch further. But the when the Greek, Armenian

Iran and

US closer

to deal

From Mohsin Ali Washington

American and Iranian nego-tiators were meeting at The

Hague yesterday to discuss \$500 million (£342 million) of

frozen Iranian assets held in

US accounts, according to a

spokesman for the Iran-US

The tribunal was set up in

1981 to settle compensation claims by both countries as

part of the agreement reached in Algiers that year to resolve

the crisis over 52 American

hostages held in Tehran for

An Iranian official in The

Hague yesterday expressed optimism and said a deal may

be worked out within two

days. The talks could have

significant political by-

products. Iranian leaders have re-

cently suggested that the un-

freezing of their assets, including the \$500 million,

could encourage Tehran to intervene on behalf of Ameri-

can hostages held in Lebanon.

Iran is claiming \$500 mil-lion in assets plus interest

accrued over the years. This case is one of about 4,000 still

Since the tribunal was set up five years ago about 900 cases

have been settled.

The US is reported to have

agreed in principle to return

most of the \$500 million plus

interest, but details still have

to be worked out, including the wording of an Iranian pledge that it would make no further demands once this

outstanding.

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more than a year.

on a ladder was allowed to clean as much of the wall as he could reach with a hand shouting of the Armenians below persuaded him to leave the greater part of the wall

over the wall and last year an uneasy truce was only maintained when one Greek monk

From Richard Wigg, Barcelona If responsibility is con-firmed, this will be the nearest King Juan Carlos of Spain was out on the slopes ski-ing as planned in Baqueira Beret the Basque armed separatist yesterday, in spite of a bomb organization has come to striking against the King and the royal family. An anonymous caller gave

Juan Carlos ignores

ski resort hotel blast

exploding only hours before in the leading hotel of the Pyrenean resort where some of his security men were staying. The bomb, claimed by Eta

7 am explosion, including one to the fire brigade in Viella. to be its work, went off less than 1,000 yards from the chalet the royal family owns.

No one was injured but the behind a water meter near one third floor of the hotel was



The peace activitist, Mr Philip Berrigan, left, among demonstators removed by police from the Pentagon in Washington where they protested against US testing of nuclear weapons.

Losing face on the beat in western Japan

Tokyo - Police in western Japan are still shamefaced over the day they had to launch a big manhunt for one of their own officers, after a case of hicycle theft. They found him 17 hours later, cycling away from his pursuers (David Watts writes).

It was 19-year-old Patrolman Yuji Kurita's first week on duty, and one night he conscientiously radioed in to report that he was questioning a young lady about a bicycle.

But the last thing his superiors set off on his i 7-hour odyssey.

heard him say was: "She fled north."

When Patrolman Kurita had not returned to his police box by the next morning, Himeji police launched a manhunt with 440 men, two dogs and a helicopter. When found, he explained that he let the woman go when she said the bike was her brother's, only to be informed minutes later that it was stolen. Instead of admitting he had been duped on his first case, Kurita

return a profit on its campaign outlay of roughly £1.2 million.

The anti-hig husiness Greens, according to its an-utal report released in October, is now the second-richest political party in West Germany, with much of its money invested in shares and bonds. The report said the party was worth a total £11.9 million at the end of 1985.

Despite its campaign budget worries, the SPD remains the wealthiest party with a re-ported £59.7 million to its credit. The CDU bank balance is put at £2.9 million, while the FDP is suffering a deficit of



German election to cost SPD dearly

From John England, Bonn

(Under the West German If the predictions of the latest opinion poll on next month's West German federal system a rebate of campaign costs is paid to the political parties at the rate of £1.74 per head of the electorate — about 45 million — calculated on election come true, not only will the Social Democratic Party (SPD) emerge with its dream of toppling Chancellor Kohl shattered, but also with a huge campaign deht.

The SPD is spending the equivalent of £17.4 million on votes won.)

Calls on the party by Herr Johannes Rau, the SPD's candidate for the chancellorship, to fight for every vote in a its election campaign, more bid for "our own majority" are than any other party, but according to the opinion poll it therefore given a fervent "amen" by the party treasurer. Nevertheless, the SPD would will win less than 34 per cent of the vote, compared with have to gain 55.6 per cent of about 55 per cent for the the vote to break even on its For the SPD, that result

spend £13.9 million on its campaign. Meanwhile, its Bavarian sister-party, the Christian Social Union (CSU) of Herr Franz Josef Strauss, is still doing its sums.

Herr Martin Bangemann's Free Democratic Party (FDP), the junior partner in the Government coalition, has allocated £2.09 million for its campaign, less than half its expenditure on the last election in March 1983. If it achieves the 8.5 per cent given to it by the opinion poll, it will show a profit on its rebate.

If the Greens Party, as the Herr Kohl's Christian Depoil forecasts, wins 10.8 per mocratic Union (CDU) will cent of the vote it will also

Students defy authorities with Peking protest march

sity staged a march early on their premises. Wall-postyesterday morning in defiance . ers have been widely used by of a ban on unapproved students in rallying support demonstrations and amid for marches in at least 10 cities increasing official impatience across China this month, callwith China's wave of campus ing for more democracy and

The Peking Evening News am between 200 and 300 other city campuses. But students there refused to join them, so they dispersed "disappointed".

The march, the first in Peking since tight controls on demonstrations in the capital were announced oo Friday, official warnings to students to stay off the streets.

Yesterday, all main newspapers carried toughly-worded editorialstating that it was unconstitutional to oppose socialism and the ruling Communist Party and told people not to ape what it called "the fake democracy of capitalist

who spread nihilism, denigrated China and advocated all-round Westernization.

Peking (Reuters) - Studeots units were responsible for at Peking Teachers' Universeeing posters were not put up

A Western diplomat said reported that shortly after 2 the stern language used to the official press over the past few students marched to three days showed growing impatience with the student unrest. "Protests now are becoming increasingly dangerous. The price of dissent has risen in the past few days," he said.

The Peking Evening News said vesterday's march was illegal and its organizers had was held despite a barrage of committed criminal offences.

A foreign student at the Teachers' University said the students chose to march in the early hours of the morning to catch the authorities unawares and reduce the risk of identi-

The students set out on the march banging drums and chanting slogans calling for democracy and freedom.

At the weekend, television A foreign reporter disputed quoted Mr Wang Zhen, a the Peking Evening News acveteran Communist Party count, saying he saw the leader, as criticizing people students enter both Peking and Qinghua universities, rated China and advocated ll-round Westernization. where the numbers swelled to up to 3,000. He said that up to 30 police in cars accompanied warning yesterday against the them as they marched from use of wall-posters, which is illegal, and said that all work sities but made no arrests.

North Korea speculation ends

Kim I Sung again had "broad discretion" over the admission and exclusion of aliens, but said that this was elected president

Tokyo (AFP) - Mr Kim II Sung was re-elected President of North Korea yesterday as the communist natioo's Parliament opened its first session since national elections on November 2, Radio Pyongyang reported in a short broadcast monitored here.

The session was expected to name other top state leaders and Cabinet members, and adopt a much-delayed economic programme to take the country into 1993, Tokyobased analysts said.

Attentioo has also been focused on the status of Mr Kim's son and presumed heir, Mr Kim Jong II, aged 44, who is the second secretary of the ruling Korea Workers' Party. Some analysts predict he will be named First Vice-President during the session.

President Kim, aged 74, former anti-Japanese guerrilla leader, has ruled North Korea since Japan renounced its colonial rule of the Korean peninsula at the end of the

Second World War. He was elected Premier in 1948 when the Soviet-backed northern half of the divided peninsula. He became Presi-

Earlier yesterday, the of-

public since July after an alleged traffic accident, also retained his top post.

It said the party's Central Committee, in a plenary session oo Saturday, reconfirmed the 76-year-old vice-marshal as a member of the North Korean Presidium and Polithuro, and therefore as the third most powerful man in the country behind President Kim and his son.

President Kim and his son also retained their posts, along with Mr O, in the threemember Central Committee

At the party meeting, Mr Kang Soog San, the Premier, and Mr Yoo Hyong Muk, the First Vice-Premier and Minister for Metal and Machinery Industries, were elected for the time to the party

On November 17, South Korean officials claimed that North Korean propaganda loudspeakers - placed along the border - had announced the death of President Kim. But the communist leader turned up the next day, before television cameras, to welcome President Jambyn Batmonh of Mongolia to Pyong-

tackle entry tangle

From Michael Binvon Washington

One of the most controversial legacies of the McCarthy era is the widespread authority of US officials to prohibit entry to the United States by anyone suspected of being a Communist or holding beliefs deemed hostile to the American way of life.

After a recent rush of in cidents in which left-wing ernalists, writers and activists were denied entry without being told the reason, the issue has now gone to the US preme Court for a decision.

At issue is the ruling by the State Department to deny visitors' visas to four leftwingers from overseas who were invited to various meetings in the US three years ago. They were Señor Tomas

Borge, the Nicaraguan Interior Minister, an Italian peace activist, and two Cuban st Party experts on women's rights. The Administration said their entry would

harm public interest.

A district court judge ruled in 1984 that the action was within the State Department's legal authority and dismiss their suit. But a court of ap-peals, in a 2-1 ruling in March reinstated the suit and accused the Government of practising a "brand of guilt by association" which Congress had banned specifically in a 1977 law dealing with visas for

A chief intention behind of this law was to permit entry to people as long as they did not pose risks to national security.

The appeals court noted that the Administration still the foreign secretaries of India and Pakistan announced at the weekend that the dialogue aimed at normalizing relations between the two countries would be resumed in Delhi early in the new year.

It extended only as far as the legal authority conferred by Congress and could not transgress constitutional

The Reagan Administration protested vigorously against the raling, saying that it would create substantial problems for the Government's conduct of foreign policy and would necessitate "museemly in-quiry" into its decision-making in this area.
The suit has been launched

hy a diverse group of people, including members of Congress, university professors, journalists and religious lea-One of those refused a visa

was Signor Nino Pasti, a former Nato general and member of the Italian Senate, who was invited to address a nuclear disarmament rally in The two Cuban women had

nars organized by New York City and various universities. Despite the Supreme Court case, US immigration authorities still have broad powers to deny entry to aliens, whatever their visa, apart from

1987. Mr Vankateswaran con-One notorious question first firmed that Mr Rajiv Gandhi, asked of visa applicants in the the Indian Prime Minister. McCarthy era was whether who had cancelled his promthey were sexual deviauts, and this has been used to keep out homosexuals.

Judges | Manila claims Marcos plunder | Two die as held though front companies.

ernment filed its first suit in

the Philippines to seize wealth

allegedly plundered by the

deposed president, Mr Ferdi-

nand Marcos, with a claim for more than \$700 million (£500

A commission created by

President Corazon Aquino to recover the Marcos fortune.

estimated at more than \$5

billion, also named as respon-

dents two US real estate

agents, Mrs Imelda Marcos.

The suit was intended mainly to establish Manila's

claim to the New York prop-

erties of the Marcoses, who

fled to Hawaii after the com-

bined civilian-military revolt

here ended his 20-year rule in

The suit was filed by the Presidential Commission on

Good Government (PCGG)

with an anti-corruption court

in Manila in order to comply

with US legal requirements,

Mr Jovito Salonga, told 2

which froze the Marcos prop-erties in New York said the

evidence that Marcos owned four buildings in Manhattan

was strong, but these courts decided that the basic issue of

unlawful takings should be decided by Philippine courts,"

He listed four buildings in

"The US Court of Appeals

the chairman of the PCGG.

associates and aides.



Dialogue

to resume

in Delhi

From Hassan Akhtar Islamabad

After two days of talks here

Mr A.P. Vankateswaran

the Indian Foreign Secretary

besides holding talks with his

Pakistani opposite number, Mr Abdul Sattar, also met

President Zia and Mr Junejo,

Both foreign secretaries conceded at a joint press conference at the end of their

meeting that the normaliza-

tioo talks had been slow

because of the cumulative

effects of past strains and three

Comparing the situation

since the early 1970s, when

the two countries went to war

over Bangladesh, Mr Sattar

said that the present state of

relations was vastly improved.

However, it was evident that the two sides were still

But there were also en-

couraging and hopeful point-

ers, according to the Indian

o Secretary, wo

that they had agreed to hold

meetings of the Indo-Paki-

stani Joint Commissioo to

take tangible steps for co-operation between the two

countries in the first half of

wide apart on key issues.

the Prime Minister.

armed conflicts.

high-priced sections of Manformer president. hattan as Marcos properties Haiti in a power vacuum

Parties struggle to emerge from Duvalier's shadow

The shaky provisional Gov-ernment in Haiti appears to be hanging oo to power largely hy

Supporters and opponents of the military-dominated Junta agree it has lost most of the backing it enjoyed after the popular uprising in February that toppled Mr Jean-Claude

But as strikes and demonstrations continue to put pressure on the Junta to resign, the forces to depose it have been held in check by the absence of a viable civilian-led Government to take its place.

Political parties, banned under M Duvalier, are still organizing after their long oblivion and remain far from ready to assume power.

Some of them have formed alliances with trade unions, civic organizations and human rights groups to demand a change of leadership, but they have insufficient cohesion to agree upoo an alternative.

Lieutenant-General Henri Namphy, the Army chief who heads the Junta, has said he 1988, three months after the general election which, he claims, he will oot contest.

He says he cannot hand over power earlier because Haiti, after three decades of iroo-fisted dictatorship, is not ready for democracy. He points to the creation of more than 60 political parties and the declaration of more than 200 presidential candidates as evidence of the immaturity of the emerging Haitian politics.

From Alan Tomlinson, Port-an-Prince

General Namphy sees himself surrounded by a political vacuum, "The parties have wasted nine months... They have had nine months to organize themselves and have

oot done so. Nature does oot Western diplomats here oote that the political field has narrowed to about a dozen parties capable of mounting a realistic challenge at November's elections. Hai-

> ber of serious contenders could be as few as four. One, however, is Mr Leslie Manigat, whose National Democratic Progressive Party was formed in exile in Venezuela seven years ago and now has offices and an

tian journalists say the num-

expanding party machine in the capital of Port-Au-Prince. Mr Manigat doubts that

General Namphy will not contest the presidential race. leader of the Movement for the says there is a political the Installation of Democracy.



General Namphy, left, says Haiti is not ready for democracy

conquered Kassel (Reuter) - A 22-

Iron Curtain

up 15 survivors.

year-old East German escaped to the West by using homemade climbing gear to scale a fence oo the heavily-guarded frontier with West Germany.

plunges

into ocean

Perth (Reuter) - Divers

recovered two bodies from the

sunken wreck of a helicopter

which crashed into the sea off

The two men, aged 36 and

39, had been trapped inside

the helicopter which was ferry-

ing workers from a giant oil

and gas rig 85 miles north of

the coastal town of Karratha

Rescue boats earlier picker

north-west Australia.

They were the Crown Building

on Fifth Avenue, the Herald

Centre ou Sixth avenue, a 71-

storey building on Wall Street,

and an office building on

The complaint also laid

claim to the Lindenmere Es-

tate on Long Island, a former

resort earlier reported in the

asked that the court order the

defendants to render an

accounting of all income and

disbursements, and seeks the

biggest award of damages ever

The New York properties have an estimated gross value

of six to seven billion pesos

(£208 million)and a net value

of about half that, due to loans

"The PCGG complaint al-

leges that the wrongs commit-

ted by Marcos and his co-

lic trust, brazen abuse

nation's wealth," he said.

nia, Hawaii, other US states

and other countries.

The bulk of the Marcos

fortune is believed to be in

Switzerland, whose Gov-

erament has frozen suspected

vacuum. Does this mean he

He is also concerned by the

Army chief's reluctance to

place the running of elections in the hands of an indepen-

dent commission. The poll

remains the responsibility of

Colonel Williams Regala, the

Interior Minister who is seen

hy many as the guardian of the

Yet Mr Manigat has re-

maioed aloof from popular

movements and political alli-

ances seeking the Junta's re-moval. "When you want to

overthrow a military gov-

ernment you have to ask yourself if there is a viable

alternative," he cautioned.

We have no interest in

exposiog the country to the risk of civil war."

wants to go oo filliog it?"

and obligations, he said.

Mr Salonga said the PCGG

US press as Marcos-owned.

Madison Avenue.

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It is the womenfolk's sole function here to grouch about hearth and home with routine resignation while their men are being unfaithful with computers and test-tanks. It is the men's function to chew cigars and aphorisms while plotting their bellicose strategies. This isn't sport, this is war" - and the self-made millionaires who funded the challenging yachts left no possibility overlooked. Peter de Savary harrassed the Americans' boat trials with a video-dinghy; the Australian magnate Alan Bond, evoking the memory of Don Revie, compiled dossiers on the opposition.

But, if one is to tune in on the coming Mondays, it will surely be less for the unfolding drama (whose outcome will scarcely be a surprise) than for the opportunity to soak up much-needed blues above and below the horizon. One cannot spend the entire winter looking at designer-grey walls and bath-water skies.

Martin Cropper

Among the most common criticisms made of string players (and of singers) is that their sense of pulse is often found wanting. And cellists, according to some, are the worst culprits. Given such assertions, together with the fact that interpretation is almost invariably a matter of wisdoms received from the foregoing geocratioo without question, it is hardly surpris-ing that Ralph Kirshbaum, in his performances of the Bach Cello Suites, should be heard following the same path of rhythmic liberalism as that trodden by Casals, Tortelier

and so on. Of course, great artists have always created great performances while meddling somewhat with note-values. The question is whether dwelling upon notes that are in any case naturally stressed, and taking lavish gulps for breath between phrases, amounts to interpretation, mannerism or even sheer technical convenience. lo Kirshbaum's case baum's meticulous attention the answer is not easily found, to the colour of each sound,

Even the blues are Making a desirable sort of influential mark

o major museum director in Britain over the last ten years can have had an easy ride. Con-stantly strapped for money, whether it is scrabbling round for an extra half warder or puzzling over how to acquire the latest masterpiece to come on the market (at a cost, these days, of probably more than the entire annual budget), these men have to be brave and resourceful, diplomats and fund-raisers as well as

and tund-raisers as well as scholars. The departure of Sir Michael Levey from the Nacional Gallery, after 13 years in the hot seat, is marked appropriately by a Director's Choice show (until February 15) in which he gathers together nearly 40 of the acquisitions made in his time quisitions made in his time which give him the greatest pleasure and satisfaction. It also gives us a chance to look back over the development of the gallery under his rule. Of course, the major bungles the general public im-

mediately thinks of in connectioo with the National Gallery — the question of what, exactly, is going to be huilt on the adjoining site; the fumbled appointment of Sir Michael's successor - are oothing to do with him. During his time the northern extension has been opened, and it has become possible for the gallery to show all its reserve collectioo as well as the main (possible, at least, whenever chronic staff shortage does not enforce closure of the lower floor). The collection as a whole has been rebung, with varying results some section curators, it would appear, have a feeling for bow to hang pictures, some

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reordering of the Briosh collection in the newly restored Barry rooms, is prob-

ably the best.

Also in Sir Michael's time an Education Department has been encouraged, the Sunley Room has been opened for temporary exhibitions, even if it does seem strangely poky next to the absurdly pushy central shop (priorities more commercial than artistic, maybe?) and excellent series small shows like The Artist's Eye (important artists make their own personal choices) and Acquisition in Focus have been instituted, as well as the more arguable notion of an Artist in

Residence. And then there have been the acquisitions themselves. Something of a sore point, in many ways, since Sir Michael has always stressed the importance of the gallery's being able to buy major works to fill. whenever possible, important gaps in the national collection, while the policy of government grants seems in the

against acquisition, at any rate against acquisition, at any rate unless it is supported by a lavish private subsidy. However, looking around Director's Choice, there is a distinct feeling that we have not done too badly.

Masterpieces? Well, possibly not it all depends what

you mean. But Claude's The Enchanted Castle must surely by any method of accounting be somewhere in the right area, and then there are the Altdorfer, Christ Taking Leave of His Mother, Monet's The Gare St Lazare, Rubens's resplendent Samson and Deli-lah and Caravaggio's Boy Bitten by a Lizard, which when cleaned and sent to the recent Age of Caravaggio show was almost universally upgraded to the status of an accepted original. When these are put together with perhaps lesser but still fascinating works like Parmigianino's Portrait of a Man or Wright of Derby's dashiog Mr and Mrs Thomas Coltman, and the addition to the collection of Klimt and Redon, one cannot help feeling that Sir Michael has left the mark he would

most like to have left. Significant of his effect has been the tendency for other galleries to take a leaf out of the National Gallery's book. The Dulwich Picture Gallery, for instance, has just staged the first of a projected series of shows under the title Paintings and Their Context, this one concerning itself with Poussin's Venus and Mercury (until January 18). Though it is hardly an acquisition, baving been in the collection since 1811, the format of the show is almost identical to that of the National Gallery's Acquisition in Focus shows: around the

parallels, derivations, sketches (if any can be found) and all the products of modern tech-nology in the service of scholarship. The whole thing is fascinating an essay in connoisseurship which makes it vivid to a non-expert

The British Museum, with the astonishing spread of its collection, has to serve several masters at the same time, and that goes also for the temporary exhibitions there. The two latest-comers are The New Thracian Treasure (until March 29) and Modern Chi-nese Prints (until January 11), which could hardly be more different.

he Thracian treasures in question come from Rogozen, Bulgaria, and are "new" by virtue of the fact that they were un-earthed only late in 1985, and in relation to the previous, enormously successful show of Thracian treasures held at the British Museum in 1976. This time there is less gold around, but the silver with, here and there, touches of gilt is splendid enough. And the design, mostly dating from around the fourth century BC, is of considerable sophistication and grace.

The Chinese prints are also, in their various ways, highly sophisticated, and make a strong contrast to the sorts of peasant woodcuts which used to circulate in the West around the time of the Cul-tural Revolution. Most of the prints oo show are very recent, hut there are also some by senior artists like Gu Yuan and Li Hua which go back to the Forties. It is encouraging to see, in this way, that not only have the arts in China



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One up to Sir Michael Levey: Albrecht Altdorfer's Christ Taking Leave of His Mother

recovered with remarkable speed and efficacy from the aberrations of the Gang of Four but that continuity has been effectively preserved through the years of the Red Guard.

There does not seem, even

now, to be any dominant style. Little interest is manifested here in abstract art: the most abstract pieces are also the

most traditional, taking up the China eastern and western ancient Chinese traditioo of approaches to the graphic arts observing nature and then are being crossed with each turning one's back on it to draw. Within representation, however, styles range from the Expressionist distortions of often decied to those more Chen Jinrong's A Day at the carefully bred for purity. Dockyard to the almost photographic quality of Wu Chang-

other, and the resulting strain, if a little mongrel, has all the vitality and intelligence so carefully bred for purity.

> John Russell Taylor



Prey to corruption: David McKay in Red Riding Hood

CONCERT

Ralph Kirshbaum Wigmore Hall

at least oo the evidence presented by these readings of the First, Third and Fifth Suites (he plays the others on

Friday). Undoubtedly he feels the music, but one senses that he concentrates a little too hard upoo squeezing meaning from the notes when they might make themselves clearer by being left more to themselves. Morever, one could often accurately predict the weight of an accent here, the extent of a rubato there, so perhaps mannerism played a part. Frequeotly in the faster movements a deliberately lengthened note was made unnecessarily ugly by an over-savage bow-stroke, while in some of the slower movements Kirsh-

admirable in other circumstances, worked against equi-librium of mood. The violently changing dynamics in the Allemande of the Third Suite, for example, turned that movement into something unnecessarily gawky.

But even for those who prefer their Bach approached io a different way there was plenty to admire in Kirshbaum's playing. In the Fifth Suite, for instance, the Prelude affectingly took its cue from the subdued timbre of the cello's higher register, the result of tuning the A string to a G instead. While the same work's Allemande was a dance of nobility, broad and dignified, the Sarabande, which on paper looks as though it might be over in the twinkling of an eye, attained a stature of real, tragic moment in Kirshbaum's hands.

It is probably too much to expect a performer to go against the tradition in which he lives; but withio it Kirshbaum showed that he does have vital things to say.

THEATRE **Sleeping Beauty**

Tron, Glasgow

central attraction are grouped

Red Riding Hood Citizens', Glasgow

While the traditional pantomimes are packing them in in Glasgow and Edinburgh with the well-loved comic actors Stanley Baxter and Rikki Fulton, Glasgow's Tron Theatre have taken the enterprising risk of casting a young and upcoming local comedian as the comic linchpin of their

Sleeping Beauty.
Craig Fergusoo has established quite a following in Glasgow in his stage persona of Bing Hitler, an hysterical, self-appointed dictator. Working this character into the framework of a story (as he and his co-writer Peter Capaldi do here) is quite a different matter, however. It works surprisingly well.

Bing emerges as Prime Minister in the Kingdom of Vulgaria, where the diminutive and desirable Beanty (Jenny McCrindle) becomes a pawn in the struggle between the Good Fairy, a frayed district nurse, and the evil Hexx, an uncommonly sadis-tic dentist. When the kingdom turns into SlumberInd it is left to Bing and his sly accomplice to seek out the prince who will save the day. What follows is an endearing travesty of the

It gets off to a slow start and. Stephen Pettitt giving the impression of hav-ing been written in pieces

rather than as a whole, hiccups through the story-line in places, but the humour is keen and the whole thing (directed by Michael Boyd) has tremendous zest. Jimmy Chisolm provides a wonderful alternative prince as Rupert, the unrascally Rascal.

The Citizens', Glasgow, have picked another winner by again inviting Myles Rudge to write their Christmas show. Red Riding Hood explores the same fertile area of fantasy combined with psychological Hansel and Gretel, Rudge's versioo of the tale leading us into the semi-real world that dreams are usually made of, where acquaintances, fears and desires assume more significant proportions.

As the children Peter and Anna (David McKay and Maureen Carr) journey through the forest, her red riding hood, made with love, protects her against temptation, evil and the Wicked Wolf - in this case a more whiskery version of their rich neighbour, whose spoilt daughter (Juliet Cadzow) also undergoes a transformation. Her brother has no such protec-tion, falling prey to the Wolf's corruptive offers of power and

Rudge explores the sub-text of the fairy tale with tremendous invention, creating a double-tiered fantasy that is at times really uncanny. In places he becomes too in-volved and complex, but the whole thing is ingeniously staged by Giles Havergal and designed with economy and style by Kenny Miller.

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Words above the music

jiang's Highland Cattle Farm,

The silent noise of "surtitles" has been growing for a while, but their arrival at Covent Garden for the new Jenufa does demand, as I said in my review, some thought. On the face of it, we are confronted with a new version of the words-or-music argument. As the Royal Opera House inelegantly put the case, "With the use of surtitles audiences can more closely the intricacies of a libretto sung in a language they do not speak, while at the same time being able to hear the sounds envisaged by the

But surely this is a very curious account of operatic experience to be emanating from an international com-pany. Assuming that the first clause refers simply to our understanding of what is happening in the stage action and not, say, to our appreciaand not, say, to our apprecia-tion of the verse-forms, then that understanding is con-ditioned not by any printed text but by words delivered to us through singer and score. As Anden pointed out, once the librettist's written words have given rise to music, their have given rise to music, their work is done. To present them now again, at this late stage, is to present n ghost, and at least this lifelessness of the text is well illustrated by the grey projections at Coveut Garden.

But the second half of their Intercasion is also strange. The reason for preferring opera in the original language cannot hang on "being able to hear the sounds envisaged by the composer" since, with the possible exception of Stravinsky setting Hebrew, composers have been concerned not merely with sounds but with elements in a meaningful

The introduction of surtitles in opera has created at least as many problems as it has solved, considers **Paul Griffiths** an assimilated knowledge of

the opera, or the libretto, or at least the synopsis, the difnot require one to read along with the show, and so concern oneself with the spectral embryo rather than the thing Reading is also a quite different sort of activity from

responding to an operatic performance, and by its difference may suggest that something is lacking from the experience. If Covent Garden really do feel that their audiences need help, then much the more obvious course, particularly in an opera where virtually all the cast are native English speakers (what price those "sounds envisaged by the composer"?), would be to sing in translation.

Perhaps the essence of the

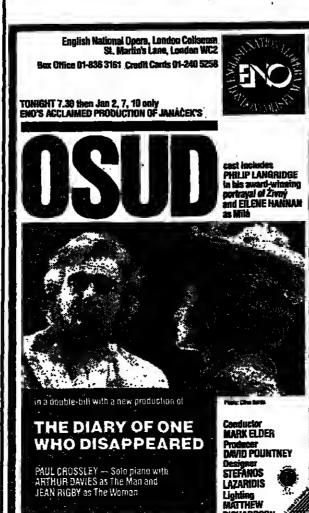
problem is the assumption that knowledge of the constitsents enhances an aesthetic experience; but there is no reason why it should, Knowing the text of an opera may be as uscful as knowing the struc-ture of chlorophyll when one looks at a landscape: a slight enhancement, but not one to be blown up in letters a foot high. There are, also, severely practical objections to sur-

titles. From the poper parts of the house, apparently, they can be taken in along with the stage, but certainly from the level of the stalls one needs to flip one's glance opwards in order to follow them. An audience with divided visual attention is inevitably going to miss some of the action, and I cannot imagine that producers and singers are going to like being upstaged by the public's autocpe: I understand that Yori Lyubimov, the Jenufa producer, is firmly against the innovation.

Wisely Covent Garden are asking customers to complete a questionnaire designed to test the acceptability of surtitles and, though you cannot avoid them if you want to see Jenufa, there will be performances of Zauberflöte and Rosenkavalier both surtitled and not. If there should be any demand for surtitles. then at least this option should remain. But, if surtitles are to become a part of life, then there needs to be some improvement on their pretty crude state at the moment. For, despite computer control. they cannot easily distinguish who is singing what in ensembles, nor convey long sectences, nor always keep pace with the action. They may, indeed, create so many problems that some help will be needed for one to be able to understand those faltering words up on the screen. Perhaps, then, they could be acted out somewhere, maybe with musical support . . .



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Going to earth: Luigi Perticarari, king of the Italian grave-robbers, slips through a hole revealed by the plough to discover yet another Etruscan tomb in the hillside of Tarquinia

Plundering the underworld

uigi Perticarari is a tomb robber. In Tarquinia, which was one of the greatest Etruscan cities of antiquity, he is known as il mago - "the magician" - because of his apparently supernatural abil-ity to find tombs still unrifled after 2,000 years. He is one of Italy's many hundred tombaroli and clandestini (tomh robbers and illegal excavators) who rifle the buried settlements of antiquity by night and sell their finds to foreign

Luigi is the self-appointed spokes-man of the tombaroli. He published his memoirs in June, I segreti di un tombarolo ("The Secrets of a Tomb Rohber"), and speaks with charm and pride of his trade, pouring scorn on the state archaeological service for not seeking his advice. He claims more first-hand knowledge of Etruscan tombs than any living archaeologist, probably with justice. But be fails to appreciate that his activity has destroyed for ever the possibility of others sharing his

His story, multiplied many hunarea times over, explains the devastating pillage of Italy's archaeological heritage that has taken place over the last 20 years, and its gathering momentum. It also highlights bow inadequate the Italian authorities' efforts to protect their patrimony have been.

From around the eighth to the third century BC, the Etruscans buried their dead with rich grave furnishings, painted terracotta vases - some imported from Athens bronze ornaments, gold and jewellery. The grandest tombs were frescoed with scenes from earthly life - banquets and hunting scenes - or mythology.

Luigi claims to have emptied 3.000 to 4,000 tombs during 30 years of activity, despite spending modestly in a suburb of Tarquinia in a house he built for himself - he is a stonemason when he can find time for a legitimate trade incorporating secret hideaways and

The Etruscans chose a long hillside above Tarquinia for their Helped by the smugglers of the Mafia, Italy's tomb robbers supply the the last 20 years would have paid for world's major museums every year with Greek, Roman and Etruscan

treasures worth millions of pounds. Geraldine Norman investigates

magnificent views of the mountains and the sea. Over the principal graves, already excavated, little cement buts with sloping rooves have been erected and the curious are locked out. A small enclosure of tombs at one end of the ridge is open to the public. The rest of the area is ploughed and planted every

Luigi calls it his il mio regno - his 'kingdom''. Beneath the plough are literally thousands of graves, many of which be has visited and cleared. The heavy modern tractors rumbling overhead are now causing annual damage to the caverns below, he says. Only 100 yards from the road that runs along the crest of the hill Luigi could show us a round hole in the plough where the roof of a tomb had collapsed. "It was robbed in antiquity," he said. "They

the vases are still there." In broad daylight we slipped into its cavernous depth.

Beneath the road itself the men from the Arts Ministry are busy recording for posterity a tomb painted with scenes from the under-world which dates from the end of



the fifth century BC. They came on it when checking the route of a new water supply pipe. The aim was to ensure that no important archaeological evidence was destroyed by the pipe's construction; luckily it runs a few feet away from the newly discovered tomh.

The necropolis at Tarquinia is accepted as the most important burial complex of the Etruscan world. Many of its magnificent grave furnishings are now on display in foreign museums, bereft of their history, thanks to the activities of Luigi and his friends. Meanwhile the Italian authorities permit a water sapply pipe to run through the necropolis and tractors to shake in the roofs of tombs. The creeping presence of the town itself is also invading areas of archaeological

gling artefacts out of the area over gradually destroy the lot.

its conversion into an archaeological park. Had the Italian authorities, not the tombaroli, sold the treasures to museums, they would have had the money to excavate and landscape the area for visitors. But since buried treasures are the inalienable property of the State under Italian law, no official sales can take place. Museum storerooms are overflowing with material from official excavations, not to mention ma-terial confiscated from tombaroli by the police.

The same opportunities exist at other Greek, Roman and Etruscan sites up and down Italy. Scholars estimate that only some 20 per cent of the tomb furnishings of antiquity have yet been unearthed or de-stroyed. This extraordinary buried museum could be brought to light in an ordered manner, leaving the monumental remains open for interested visitors to explore and the treasures on display in museums with full identification of how and where they were found. Or else it can be left to the tombaroli, tractors, civil engineers and builders to

FROM TOMB TO MUSEUM SHELF: HOW THE SMUGGLERS LEGITIMIZE THEIR TREASURES

ince the last war more Greek, Etruscan and Roman treasures have come to light, mostly as a result of illicit digs, than had surfaced in the preceding 2,000 years. They have been found in other Mediterranean countries hut

the prime source is Italy. The material is smuggled into Switzerland, mostly by lorry drivers carrying ordinary merchandise for export. Once in Switzerland it enters the legitimate art market and is sold to museums and private collectors. The rarest treasures tend to be negotiated privately by dealers while the bulk of more ordinary material is consigned to Sotheby's and Christie's in London, or lesser auction houses in France, Germany and Switzerland.

The well-publicized sales of antiquities at Sotheby's and Christie's, with glossy catalogues

and high prices, are a major encouragement to the tombaroli. They provide information on prices and demonstrate that there is a ready market. Most of the material now circulating in the market comes from post-war illegal digs but since its excavation was not documented and pieces have changed hands several times, this is impossible to

The auction houses are signatories to the London art trade's code of practice which ontlaws handling a sale when there is reasonable cause to believe "that an imported object . . . originates from an illegal, clandestine or otherwise unofficial site". They defend their involvement in the antiquities market on grounds of ignorance. It is impossible, they say, to turn away vendors who have legitimate legal title to the goods they offer for sale just because they

could have been excavated illegally. Indeed, the only way to avoid handling illicit finds would be to drop out of the antiquities market altogether and this the auction houses are not prepared to do.

Auctioneers, however, are only the middle men. The Getty Muscum in Malibu, California, has formed a superb collection of antiquities over the last 10 years, mostly from illicit excavations. "Sono nemici di cultura" growls the Soprintendente of Southern Etruria "they are the cucmics of culture". The Metropolitan Museum in New York has made several spectacular purchases over the same period, including the famous \$1 million Euphronios vase. "Every scholar knows it can only come from

Cerveteri," complains Professor

Palottino of Rome's Tuscia In-

recent purchases of the Basle and Copenhagen Museums are also roundly condemned.

Only one important museum in the world has so far taken a clear stand by refusing to purchase any material which could be smuggled the British Museum in London. The purchasing power of muse-ums outside Italy is enormous and

there are also several multimillionaire collectors in the market: Bunker Hunt, the Texan oil millionaire, for

The big money has attracted organized crime. "The use of drugs is spreading into the country towns of Italy," explained an authority who asked not to be named. "The drug dealers ran across the tombaroli and saw the rich pickings to be made from organizing the business on an international scale." The Mafia has taken up

stitute, "but they continue to pretend it was found in Lebanon." The Two cheers for the resolution

Simpson coholism crusade of Mikhail Gorbachov it looks set to be an unusually dry New Year for **OPEN NEW YEAR'S DAY** most east Europeans.

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he queues are already stretching around the hlock for festive spirit New Year's Eve offers the last chance for the heavy drinkers of the Soviet

bloc to charge their glasses freely

Alcoholism is the Slavic cede this only in restricteddisease. Peek on pay day into circulation medical journals. the alley-ways and windy It is difficult to know whether stairwells of the seedier hous-Poland has the worst alcoholism rate in the bloc or is ing estates of Warsaw, Budapest and Prague and the whole world will seem to be in an alcoholic haze: flushed men and women bump into each amounted to 6.8 litres of 100 other, slump to the ground, or per cent alcohol. The per laugh raucously, their breath a fire hazard. On Friday nights in Warsaw's Praga district, the and toddlers. The estimate moonshine merchants do also excludes moonshine liflourishing trade; all week they have stockpiled sugar, and the potatoes that will form the

on the boil. statistics come from Poland drank every day. where, even before Gorbachov came to power, alcobolism was regarded as a serious social malaise. Hungary admits to a big alcohol problem. So, less publicly, does Bulgaria. Czechoslovakia

Miners' earnings The figures for miners' compensation (table, Spectrum, December 23) should bad drinking habits but con-Hungarian offices and fac-

simply the most open about it. Last year Poland's per capita alcohol consumption capita calculation distorts - it includes a few million babies quor (which accounts for about 20 per cent of alcohol consumption), wine and beer. basis of some of the most There are almost 1 million potent vodka in the world are alcoholics in Poland and on the boil. according to police estimates, The most comprehensive two million Poles become

n East Germany, the per capita alcohol consumption is even higher than in Poland - about 13 to 16 litres a year - which seems to reflect the Germanic custom of mixand East Germany also have ing beer with schnapps rather

than sticking to vodka. From January 1, 1987, the counter-offensive begins, at least in some of the Soviet bloc countries. Sales and consumption of alcohol in

tories will be banned during working bours and violators will be fined more than a month's wages. Exceptions can be made for office parties but only after working hours. Bulgaria is cutting the production of alcohol for domestic consumption and turning some bars into cafes. of the dollar.

If the Polish example is

anything to go by, the mea-sures will have no great impact on drinking habits. In 1982 the Poles introduced an anti-alcohol law that was regarded as a model of its kind. It bans the sale of drink before 1pm, banishes drink from the workpiace, restricts the numbers of sales outlets, with particularly tough penalties for moonshine dealers, and it has introduced the idea - if not the practice - of control squads to check the sobriety of factory workforces.

Notices are pinned up in cafes and bars warning about the evils of drink, and all alcohol advertising is banned. The Catholic church has been persuading workers to renounce drink. All to no avail. The profit motive is at work; although the losses from

drunken labour are buge, so too are the state profits from the sale of alcohol. Poland regularly publishes a list of the 500 most profitable companies and Polmos, the official producer and distributor of alcohol, is always at the top. Last year, Poles spent 687 billion zlotys (£300 million) on alcohol in official hard

currency stores. Vodka is the sustaining force on the black market An increase in the official price of vodka leads immediately to a rise in the black market value

lcohol bought for dollars or pounds rather than zlotys is slightly cheaper. And the law has other loopholes.

Restricting opening times simply encourages the moon-lighters (15,000 illegal stills were closed down last year) who can sell their wares at any time. Checks on workers' sobriety are haphazard some leeway, for example, is given to building workers who need to fortify themselves from the cold.

Somehow, despite the best efforts of Gorbachov, the east Europeans will find a way of getting drunk this festive season. But the traditional toast of Na zdrowie ("To your health") may ring a little

Econometric crystal balls

One prediction for 1987 can be made with certainty: hi-tech business

forecasting will be back in fashion

A dozen years ago you could utopianism of faturologists such as Herman Kahn of the Hudson Institute.

Punonry was unimately overwhelmed by the oil price explosion of the mid-1970s. By the economic recession at the turn of the decade, the think tanks simply could not keep up. Not that they lacked influence: much of the supply-side economic rhetoric of the early Reagan years, and its accompanying social theory, were based on Kahnist principles of abundant natural resources and man's ability to transform them to his re-

But as James Bellini, a Briton and former colleague of Kahn, points out, many of the models of world economic growth or ecological disaster which proliferated in the were based on the aboratory science. Unemployment, global debt and the distorting influence of grow-ing black economies changed all that.

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right conclusions. market for country risk analysis, which combines political, econon ic and social forecasts to determine

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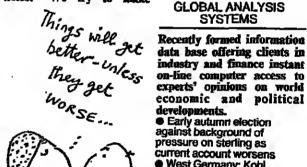
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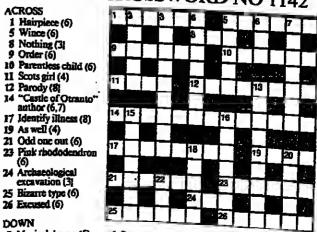
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The weird and the wearable



The newest shape of things to come is stretchy and shiny and uses man-made fibres. British street style has paved the way for the naughty boy of French fashion, with his love of futuristic fabrics and blatant



"I feel much too old to be an enfant terrible" Jean-Paul Gaultier (above)

But designer Jean-Paul Gaultier still gets his kicks from mocking the bourgeoisie. In his surreal fashion shows, nothing is quite as it seems.

He has made the corset and the bra his signature — but worn chastely on top of folds of fabric. A regular man's tuxedo jacket turns to reveal a naked cut-out back. Quilted nea out mita full skirts. A simple sweater glows with luminous lettering when the lights go down. Behind Gaultier is a train-

ing in cooventional French couture where he learned to cut and sew. Ahead, he sees a future for clothes moulded out of new materials.

"We have done everything we can with the silbouette, says the designer who put his fashion stamp on the A-line skirt a year ago. "People are not prepared to be dictated to. It is new fabrics which give modernism to fashion."

For Gaultier that means, as with his clothes design, bucking the current trend. He was the first designer to renounce natural fabrics for mock leather and stretchy ski pants in his debut collection of 1979. Now he has become the high priest of nylon and viscose, using anything that seems

'stretchy, shiny or false". "I was very naive in that first collection," he says. "All l wanted to do was the opposite of the very loose clothes that were being made."

Jean-Paul Gaultier has always seemed closer to the iconoclastic, whacky spirit of young Loodon, than to the hidebound chic of the Paris

he naughty boy of tail coats and mixed prints, his French fashion use of Russian Cyrillic script will be 35 in April. and his heavy post-punk boots with spindly striped leggings, seemed to be inspired by British street style. Although he denies it ("I think what I do is very French"), English stu-dents feel that their cult hero absorbs ideas, and then pro-duces them, with infuriating skill, as desitable high fashion.

> chance to collaborate with Gaultier on a fabric scheme set a project for the Courtelle Design Awards, Britain's most important student design competition, to design a futuristic fabric round which Gaultier will produce a capsule collection oext summer. Five colleges are being asked to design up to three Courtelle jersey fabrics on a theme of "modernity, technology, artificiality and futurism".

> Gaultier's passion for manmade fabrics started when he "opened his grandmother's cupboards" and gazed at her corsets inside. His synthetics have included a Courtelle panné velvet used in his first collection and imaginative variations on once-despised shiny and strechy materials, which he is convinced will mould the shape of clothes to

The first corsets came in Gaultier's spring collection shown in October 1982, when all the garments expressed themselves in movement, looked extraordinarily odd, and were his attempt at Dadaism in dress.

The impish Gaultier draws in references from different cultures, sending up the Discreet Charm of the Bourgeoisie in a collection of clothes inspired by the French con-

shiny and false" for Jean-Paul Gaultier's black corset top and stretch girdle girdle skirt from his spring collection at A la Mode, 36 Hans Crescent, SW3 from the end of January. Sheer ruffle gloves from Harvey Nichols, Knightsbridge, SW1. Red suede shoes by Johnny Moke from 396 Kings Road, SW10

heels, powder puffs and lace.

"My menswear is oot gay," he says indignantly. "I was challenging fashioo history by

showing that lace for men

does not only mean Louis

XIV, and high heels Louis

XV. The liberation of women

has also brought us the new

Gaultier showed skirts for

men (albeit as apron-fronted

trousers in sober pin stripes) and a witty collection of

gingham beachwear offering

up men as Bardot-style sex objects. Both were fashion

milestones in that they de-

TOP RIGHT: The Gaultier puffball: a polica dot pleated long skirt pulled up on an elastic hem to double over. Narrow-shouldered spot blouse. Both from A la Mode, end of January. Lace-up ankle boots from Barratt

Make-up by Ruth Sheldon Hair by Mario for Schumi Photographs by CHRIS DAWES

cierge class, and shocking the fined how far the peacock straight fashion world with his male was prepared to strut. The haute conturns men's collections of high Gaultier points out that he studio of Jean Patou, where he offers more than one fashion type in his collections. The fact that he is able to weave the wearable in with the weird, is his strength (and the reasoo why Italian and Japanese companies continue to sup-

> Like a Dali, who had to know how to draw before he could break the rules, Gaultier's surreal fashions start from a classic base. His jackets, buttoned askew and asymmetrically draped, were actually masterpieces of cut-ting. Gaultier had two spells with the house of Cardin, the

port him).

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worked with Michel Goma

and Angelo Tarlazzi. "I was born in the 1950s and I love the fashions of the Fifties," says Gaultier. "I like modernity, but I think I take a little from the Fifties, something of today and a hope of tomorrow.

The chic and kitsch sexuality that permeates Gaultier's collections has nothing to do with the status-conscious world of French cooture. Nor have his shows, which themselves are directional: fashioo as theatre in a circus ring, the more recent shows exhibited

fork," says Gaultier of his training. This tailored body-sidmming black and white checked coat dress by Jean-Paul Gaultier from A La

Mode, end of January. Red mittens from Ferwick, New Bond Street, W1. Suede cap from Workers for Freedom, 4/4a Lower John Street, W1 oo scaffolding with the models

making a fashion still life. And the corset dresses They have been interpreted variously as a return to womanly curves or to the rigidly cootrolled bodies of the 1950s as a send-up of a society obsessed with sex, or as a fashion statement about manmade second-skin fabrics.

"Sex is a part of life," says Gaultier. "I won't say that the Twiggy look is past, because that suggests that I am defin-ing a fashionable person. In Paris, prostitutes would wear corset dresses. But only men of another generation would see it like that. The idea is to play with the code."

PEOPLE

Soviet style

The new fashioo awareness by Russia's first lady Raisa Gorbachov seems to be bearing unexpected fruit. Nine outfits from the bulg-ing closets of Peter the Great go on display at the Barbican at the end of the month, in a rich and rare exhibitioo of Russian dress. The costumes, which also include Catherine the Great's fanciful militaryinspired dress, are from the 25,000 pre-Revolutionary fashions stored away in Leolograd's Hermitage and never seen outside the Soviet Uoioo. Mrs Gorbachov, whose taste is for foreign design over the stodgier native products, can find fashioo precedent in this exhibition which jochudes clothes made during the Romanov years by Pacquin and Poiret in Paris and by that English fashion man abroad, Charles Worth.

Go show

Is the Chambre Syndicale in Paris about to fold its fashion tents? Ten years after the circus spectacu-lars were launched, I hear that the Chambre's Director, Jacques Monclier, is hoping to build a more permanent hume for France's bi-annual ready-to-wear shows. Architects are running their slide rules over the basement of the new Musée de la Mode to see if it can be made into a fashion show centre. But just as American buyers, and several of the leading designers, have announced that the days of the tents are numbered, a new group, calling themselves La Moda aux Tuileries, is planning to pitch camp down the road from the Lower to cash in on the Louvre to cash in on the official showing in March.

Royal red

It was a great Christmas for coats when the royals turned out in the rain for morning service at St George's Chapel, Windsor. Shapely tailoring rather than street-wise oversize was the look, from Prince William's nanny-knowsbest coat to Lady Helen dsor's floor-sweeping swirl, by the royals' favour-Chelsea Design. Diana and the Duckess of York made a double act in Father Christmas scarlet and cossack hats.



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Driving a wedge

After four years of prevarication by his Department, Nicholas Ridley, the Environment Secretary, has just approved a plan by the Earl of Scarbrough for a golf course on Maltby Common in South Yorkshire. This has quite hunkered local opponents of the scheme. At a public inquiry in 1982 objectors claimed that the Earl did not own the common and was therefore debarred from making the application. However, the then Secretary of State, Tom King, subsequently declared that he had seen documents which "sufficiently substantiated" the Earl's claim. The objectors at the inquiry asked to see this evidence, but the request was turned driwn. I expect the local objectors to drop the matter, for they would now have to take legal action through the High Court, which they could ill afford.

• A useful tip for newspaper owners engaged in circulation warfare comes from this advert in a Folham Road pet shop: "Bull Terrier; £250 for quick sale. Good with kide and with newspapers." with kids and with newspapers."

Pious hope

A reader tells me that a wall of Richmond parish church in London carries a memorial to a vicar who died in 1806. "Pure, Just, Beneficent, Liberal and Pious" is the inscription. Sitting below it on Sunday mornings can often be seen Alan Watson Liberal candidate for the marvina Tory constituency of Richmund and Barnes. Could he be hoping the electors of Richmond will make a connection?

Colonel Clint

Is Clint Eastwood trying to make a point or is it just coincidence that the poster for his latest blood and guts extravaganza, Heartbreak Ridge, a homely tale of machineguns, Marines and the island of Grenada, portrays him as a dead ringer for the ubiquitous Ollie North, even down to the decorations? Cynics might suggest that Warner Brothers is just cashing in on another old actor's hardship.

Kicking it

The Dutch Reformed Church in South Africa is slowly coming to terms with the new reality.
According to the Catholic Herald, DRC ministers are doing their best to cut down on racist re-marks. And, rather like drinking, they are restricting themselves to one in the morning, one at lunch, and one good one with friends.

Knock in vain

City communicants looking for seasonal spiritual solace will find church of St Mary Aldermary in Bow Lane. It's shut. A note pinned to the door reads: "Closed for the Christmas holiday (December 20th to January 6th)." What of the vicar and his verger? Watching the telly with the rest of us, I suppose.

BARRY FANTONI Bill. Pint of New Evidence

Telefission

Irish television is celebrating its twenty-fifth anniversary to general acclaim. Not such ordinary news as you might think, in view of the caution with which the service was greeted on its foundation. President de Valera considered that the possible results, "for good or evil", would compare in magnitude with the splitting of the atom. Veteran parliamentarian Oliver J. Flan-agan dismissed establishment fears of its effects on the nation's morals with the immortal question: "Was not sex in Ireland before television?" Happily the consequences appear to have gone no further than "bringing Ireland out of its corner of the world", as one critic put it this week.

Island TT

How inappropriate of the Jersey Tourist Board to run a television ad in which actor John Nettles, who plays the title role in Bergerac, is seen swigging a pint of lager. Did it not realize that the character, portrayed as something of a hero on Jersey, is meant to be a reformed alcoholic?

Losing height

Another example of bookshop misfiling, this time from Norman Gelb, the mildly miffed author of a recent work on the Battle of Britain entitled Scramble. When a friend tried to buy it in a London bookshop he was instantly referred to the fiction shelves. Hardly fair testimony to the

The crisis over US arms sales to Iran is described in Middle Eastern terms, but is really about America. The Iranian regime is pursuing its course more or less as it was doing before the bizarre arms deliveries.

The Iranian revolution is savage, but it is not small-minded. It is a serious chapter in the history of ideas and it is not going to be dethroned or humanized by trivial cloak and dagger gestures. That some US officials believed Iranian "moderates" could be won over by sending the regime inconsequential packages of arms tells an ominous story about decisionmaking in Washington.

If responsible Israelis believed such things, we would be in serious intellectual trouble.More likely, they were acting out of friendship for an American ally with an unassailable claim to our solidarity.

George Shultz, Secretary of State, was the most lucid voice during the recent turbulence, and his present counsel is that we all return to rationality in dealing realistically with hostage problems and in avoiding the reinforcement of anti-western Islamic fundamentalism

There is no reason for any of us

to be delighted about the victory

of either Iran or Iraq in the Gulf War. But an Iraqi victory — which is unlikely - would be the success of the army of a country whose interventions against Israel have been mischievous but marginal. On the other hand, a triumph for Khomeiniism, aided by West-ern arms, would be the triumph of a contagious idea. If that idea were to sweep across Iraq, Saudi Arabia, the Gulf states, Egypt and Jordan, the Middle East would be

an uncomfortable place for Israel

and a poor environment for the

survival of humane values or stable societies. It is a clear case for a hands-off policy until real opportunities for influencing the Gulf area arise. The war is more likely to end in compromise between exhausted belligerents than in the creation of a new power centre in the region. To divide ourselves into pro-Iragis and pro-Iranians is folly.

Abba Eban, former Israeli foreign minister, puts the troubles now besetting President Reagan into an overall Middle East context

Don't let Iran divert us from path of peace

One lesson to be learned would be a less deferential attitude to clandestine diplomacy in all free societies. These are more colourful than regular statecraft and far more productive of best-selling novels and investigative journalism, but they rarely affect the large currents of history.

If the Middle East is relatively

unchanged by the recent turnult, the same cannot be said of America. Friends of the United States in Europe, the Middle East and elsewhere have a helpless sense of being crucially affected by events in which they have no right or capacity of direct influence. Because Europe's immense economic and intellectual potential has not been reflected in an autonomous international role, the United States is the only free society whose domestic events cast their shadow across the entire human scene. All that other family members can do is indicate as tactfully as possible what they would like it to do.

We must first hope that Washington will break out of its nbsessive preoccupation with a single issue. The spectacle of a great power having little time for anything except relentless selfinvestigation drives its friends to sionate frustration.

It is beyond question that the Watergate crisis of 1974 impeded the solution of international problems. James Callaghan has in-stanced the case of Cyprus. My own conviction is that a continuation of Henry Kissinger's mission in the summer of 1974 might have added an Israeli-Jordanian disengagement agreement to those already reached with Egypt and Syria. If that had occurred, the Arab-Israel area would look different today.

The effective and dignified working of the US presidency is a crucial component of the international balance. Many non-Americans are thus the allies of those in the US working for the

restoration of domestic stability.

It would be defeatist to regard the Reykjavik summit as the collapse of hope for arms control. The intervening discussion seems to call for limited agreements for control rather than a Utopian vision of abolition. But the main question is whether arms control should pre-empt the US-Soviet agenda to the exclusion of the regional tensions which are more

likely to threaten world peace. Even spectacular reductions in nuclear weaponry would still leave the world exposed to the threat of a nuclear holocaust. On the other hand, wars raging in the Gulf and Afghanistan and unresolved ten-sion in the Caribbean and the Middle East could conceivably lead to fatal miscalculations. And Reyjkavik has been followed by

some hopeful first signs of progress in human rights, as the release of Sakharov proves. The pretence that arms control is the only key to detente has not stood

any empirical test. It might seem unrealistic for me in Jerusalem to assume that a tormented Washington might now give its attention to encouraging a peace process in this region. Yet the objective possibility of success for American good offices is greater than is widely assumed. President Mubarak and Mr Peres, at their Alexandria meeting last November, urged that 1987 become the "year of negotiation". Jordan has endorsed that hope.

Mr Peres, in his two years as prime minister, managed to expunge the idea of annexing the West Bank and Gaza from Israel's official doctrine as defined in the 1984 Coalition agreement. Over a million Israelies voted for vigorous anti-annexationist platforms in the 1984 election. The maintenance of a deadlock with continued Israeli rule over a huge Palestine Arab population might soon weigh more painfully on Israeli democracy than on the Arabs who live under that rule. There are Palestinian leaders who are now beginning to understand that the traditional PLO slogans envisaging Israel's disappearance are idle fantasy.

Those who strive for peace in this region must be thankful for such small mercies, in which case we would cease calling them small. US mediation contributed to Israel's five signed agreements with Egypt and Syria between 1974 and 1979. Many Israelis aspire to a structural condition which would give our country the hope of reconciling its security with its democratic vocation. But if 1987 is to be a year of American paralysis, it is unlikely to be a year of Middle Eastern negotiation. It is for the United States to decide whether this vision is less alluring or worthy than a prolonged in-vestigatory ordeal. Its friends can only hope that it will add a capacity for resilience to its other proven qualities. This article is also appearing in the



Excuse, my lord, the liberty I take By thus addressing this raw piece of verse. I need the man who's had the greatest stake In twelve months bigger spending, Aids and worse. I've looked around and back but sadly fear That, good Lord Whitelaw, you've had an awfully good year.

Two introductory notes: the first on style. You certainly still have it to the tee, A fleshy grin, a sudden dash of bile. You may not rouse a pack of rabid haters, But many though're your underestimaters.

The second is of literary convention
Where I've aimed high (how wisely you will see)
At Byron, Wystan Auden and James Fenton, At rhymes that riled Dick Crossman and Southey. But since this is a journalist's excursion I've dropped two lines — a subedited version.

Relax, I shan't chastise you for the time You chanced to find your firm and loyal fist Full of real power, when Thatcher's digit did decline Too close for comfort to her comely wrist. You held the reins as tight as tight could be, Not bad for a Viscount in the twentieth century.

The job in question, that of Deputy Prime Minister, does not of course exist Except in fact. But what else matters at a time like that? Downing Street stood quiet as summer mist, You held the button (would you trade Bryansk for Bute?) While Margaret slept on morphine substitute.

The crisis passed. Were crises all so easy! Westland had left the lady rather sad And Bernard Ingham's men distinctly queasy. But, as for you, things were not half so bad, That thing called "Thatcherism" not half so hearty. A helicopter had come to the aid of the Party.

You'll say, perhaps, that's very well with hindsight, It didn't seem so rosy in the spring When what and why and how Mayhew might write Made every little Labour heart to sing 'All hail to them who knew no better Than to leak that cruel Solicitor General's letter".

There were, I grant, a few uncertain days When Margaret seemed to miss her very courage When Norman showed anticipatory ways And Denis urged the gentle road to Dulwich Then faith returned, the prayer not "deeds" but unity. When that's the word, your lordship has impunity

By the middle of next month the

Monopolies Commission is due to

pronounce on who should control

Britain's sugar industry. It is a

subject that arouses strong

passions, and whatever verdict the

commission reaches is certain to

be bitterly criticized in some

At the centre of the dispute is

the British Sugar Corporation, whose 13 factories process all

Britain's home grown sugar beet,

which last year amounted to some

7,700,000 tonnes. The rival bid-

ders are Tate and Lyle, whose refineries at Silvertown, east London, and Greenock, in Scot-

land, process all the cane sugar

imported from Third World coun-

tries, and the giant Ferruzzi corporation of Ravenna, Italy's

third largest private sector com-

Ferruzzi appeared to steal a

march on its rival last month

when, through its British subsid-

iary, Agricola UK, it acquired a 70

per cent stake in BSC from its

present owners, the commodity brokers S & W Berisford. But the

deal is subject to the approval of

pany after Fiat and Montedison.

quarters.

To do what's needed for faint hearts in Surrey, To stop the sale of British Leyland cars, To keep control on rents (damn Lawson's worry!) To scrap M3, send monetarism to Mars. While Baker tried to sort out education You saved the Rover losses for the nation.

The Cabinet's quieter now with Michael gone To Henley, where he builds a landscape garden. He had his points but balance wasn't one, a babbling brook at has more. He spoke a lot for town and inner city But ended more like Brown, Capability.

The same goes for your colleague Brittan, Leon. (He never was as interesting as Sam)
While Minister for Crime he'd tried to be on Good terms with those who like to flog and hang. He made you out a slave of Queen Anne's Gate. How sad he met so miserable a fate!

As if one Heseltine were not enough The summer saw the rise of Bill, another. The Queen was cross that Margaret was so tough With K.K., Bob Mugabe and their brothers". While grandees were in action for the Palace You stood accused of mischief, even malice.

For Queenly worries "didn't stop at Bothas Or threats to our great commonwealth of nations They stretched to all unhoused and would-be workers. To other totems of the wet persuasion". It took a letter from her Private Secretary To end the tabloid tales of tricks and treachery.

As Auden said, "sex, c'est une autre affaire" Though now with Aids at large, perhaps it's not. Who would have thought in January this year That you would be the man to stop the rot. Discussing with a civil service force Each finer point of safer intercourse?

It's time to end: come, Juan, "carpe, carpe", Or so great Byron once so gaily wrote. His use of foreign words is so relaxe, All imitators have to follow suit. I've spared them since you show no little peur. That Russian trip with Healey, de rigueur.

It served, howe'er, to reinforce what all the polls display That Labour's new defence plans are a loser. Denis, of course, knows it (although he does not say). He'd rather talk of Mahler or Marcuse. And thus the new year auguries are in. A woolly Whitelawed Tory team to win.

Who should be our sugar daddy?

the commission, which could well decide that neither takeover would be in the public interest.

Tate and Lyle are arguing that a monopoly - or, to use their preferred phrase, "a unified British industry" - would be in a better position to defend the interests of British growers; a view which most growers and the National Farmers' Union appear to share.

The NFU was more than a little miffed earlier this year when the man chosen to take charge of Agricola's British operation, at a reported six-figure salary, was none other than its former president, Sir Richard Butler. It made its displeasure known by publicly withdrawing its nomination of Sir Richard to be the next chairman of the promntional and marketing organization, Food from Britain.

But it is not just pique that motivates the NFU's opposition to the Ferruzzi deal. David Naish, its deputy president, is concerned about the "huge power" it would give Ferruzzi, which already has big interests in France and Italy, to manipulate the European sugar industry as a whole.

While it would be unlikely to be able to "fiddle" the national quotas, which are established by the European Commission in Brussels, it might well be inclined to favour its French subsidiary, Begin-Say, when it came to disposing of non-quota surpluses, to the extent that British growers might be faced with competition from cheap French imports. "It is difficult to see how the same company can serve two masters."

its interest in developing industrial uses for sugar, and if it needed to grow more beet for this purpose would be more likely to choose France because of its more favourable climate, Naish believes. He is also concerned about the increasing competition from sweeteners derived from iso-glucose and about Ferruzzi's close links with the Montedison chemical group. Sir Richard counter-claims that

Tate and Lyle would find it equally difficult to reconcile the interests of British sugar beet growers with maintaining the profitability of the Silvertown and Greenock refineries, which are virtually the only outlet for cane imported into the EEC under the Lome Convention. He has also given an undertaking that no BSC factories would be closed for at least five years, and that present BSC management, staff and factory workers would be retained; something that the Tate and Lyle management, in talking about consolidation", has pointedly refused to do.

John Young

Roger Scruton

Exam figures -and facts

gued that the state education system is in a state of crisis and that only a new dispensation can give the childen of poorer families the opportunities they need. Readers of this page may greet the report with scepticism, remembering Anne Sofer's article two weeks ago. Mrs Sofer produced figures from a DES report showing a small improvement in examination results between 1976 and 1985. Thus 16 per cent of pupils left school with one or more A level passes in 1976, and 17 per cent in 1985. Of those without A levels, 8.5 per cent had 5 or more O levels (or CSE equivalent) in 1976, 11 per cent in 1985. Moreover, in 1976 69 per cent

of papils were in comprehensive schools; in 1985, 85 per cent. "If the standards of our education system," Mrs Sofer writes, "are behind those of some other countries, it is because we started further behind, in that pre-com-prehensive era often evoked nowadays as a golden age." In other words, the figures are a vindication of the comprehensive system which Mrs Sofer, then a member of the Labour Party, worked so assiduously to instal. The fact that the "other countries" which put us to shame - West Germany and Japan - have retained a system of selective schooling is of course irrelevant.

As a grammar school boy and a university teacher, I can remember obtaining a real education through the state system; and I am in a position to compare that education with its modern substitute, in the situation most likely to test the level of a pupil's knowledge. So my instinct is to ask whether the figures which she has chosen reflect a real tendency; and, if they do, what is the explanation?

The first thing that we notice is that the DES's figures were gath-ered from all schools — independent, comprehensive and selective. More discriminating research is difficult to come by, and the DES has a habit of publishing tendentious statistics. Nevertheless it has been established that no less than 63 per cent of pupils leave independent schools with at least one A level. And while only 6 per cent of school leavers are from the independent sector, these pu-pils obtain about 16 per cent of all O level passes, 25 per cent of A level passes, and 50 per cent of grade As at A level. In the light of such statistics, it is surely nonsense to suppose that figures which refer to an overall improvement tell us much about the state educational system.

Furthermore, it has been established by the National Council for Educational Standards (and agreed, after scandalous attempts at sabotage, by the statisticians of the DES) that roughly 25 per cent higher results are to be expected from a selective system than from a system that is fully comprehensive. No overall improvement ca neutralize the implications of this

astounding piece of evidence. It was in 1965 that Anthony Crosland issued his circular requiring all local education authorities to adopt the comprehensive system. With that concern for the lower orders which has ever animated the true Wykehamist, he told his wife that "if it is the last thing I do, I'm go-

A report published yesterday ar-gued that the state education mar school in England. And Wales. And Northern Ireland."

Fortunately he did not succeed. We can therefore compare what happened in England after his "reforms" with what happened in Northern Ireland, which remained untouched by them. In England and Wales we find that O and A. level results rose rapidly during the 1950s and '60s. Then, in the 1970s, as Crosland's measures took effect, they suddenly levelled off, showing almost no significant improvement during the decade from 1970 to 1980. In Northern Ireland however, where the selective system remained, examination results continued to rise and now stand (in respect of those achieving one A level or five O levels) some 50 per cent higher than in England. The levelling off was totally unexpected. In 1970 the DES, extrapolating from existing trends, predicted that, in 1980, 212,000 school leavers would have at least one A level; in fact there were only 120,000.

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In interpreting Mrs Sofer's fig-ures we should also remember the following: the enormous increase in educational resources, which have more than doubled in real terms per pupil since 1961; the constant decrease in pupil-teacher ratios, now at their lowest ever level; the introduction of new, less emanding and more widely sat examinations: the radical improvement in educational opportunities for girls, the long-term effect of raising the school-leaving age; the advance of "curriculum reform", and the introduction of "soft options", so that, for exam-ple, arts and craft and sociology now rival English and maths at A level in the ILEA.

Such facts make it immensely surprising that the proportion of pupils leaving school with an A level has not doubled during the period to which Mrs Sofer refers. In fact it has remained almost the same. In any case, what does this constancy prove? What matters is not the number of pupils who pass, but the standard which is required of them in order to do so. When I sat O level English literature I was compelled to read Chancer in the original: this is now generally expected only at A level. When I studied for S level mathematics, I had to solve the differential equations in Piaggio, something that is now expected only of university students. Moreoever, pupils increasingly leave school with A levels in subjects like sociology, which demand little academic expertise. It is therefore quite wrong to claim that the slight improvement in passes noticed by Mrs Softer is sufficient to prove that standards

are rising. So great has been the commitment to egalitarian reforms that people have refused to notice the extent to which the educational opportunities of poorer children have been damaged by the com-Anne Soter claims that the facts to which she refers have been concealed in the interests of politics. Perhaps she is right. But what of those other facts - far more telling, and to a university teacher even alarming - which have been concealed in the interests of the politics of Mrs Sofer?

The author is editor of the Salisbury Review.

Paul Pickering

Painting the tree red

After watching a film about wildcyed Japanese warriors shouting "Banzai" and hacking each other to pieces, a friend remarked: "Of course, they're just like us these days." But they're not; my goodness they're not.

I don't mean that car boot quality controller Yamashita at the Nissan plant in Co Durham will commit ritual suicide at the end of his shift if he leaves his raw fish lunch in the model meant for a VIP. Nor do I share my uncle's fear that a Japanese ratchet factory in his area is the advance guard of a creeping Nipponese menace that will take over the country.

But some differences go deep. Recently, when offered extremely lucrative work from the land of the falling cherry blossom, I was silly enough to question whether, being so far away, they might forget to part with the year on time. "Such a thing could never happen," I was told rather buffily. "If we do something dishonest we are written in red on our family tree." Being blackballed by the Garrick Club apparently has noth-

ing on it. Those written in red are also governed by a rigid set of rules. One is allowed to steal, extort and rob only from other criminals, all of which makes the job of the police much easier. In doubting the willingness of the company to pay I had inadvertently been comparing my would-be employer to the likes of Ronnie Kray. It is easy to see how misunderstand-

ings arise. The businessman then told me the sad experience of a Japanese couple on the London Underground. The girl's purse was stolen, but her stocky boy friend cornered the mugger and ordered him to give it back. Mugger No I started to comply, then a larger mugger No 2 appeared on the

"You too will wait here while I get the police," said the tourist, griculture Correspondent | imbued with the Japanese ethos that villains still play by the rules of "it's a fair cop, guv". Of this the muggers were unaware. They simply hit him as hard as they could and ran off with the girl's purse, into the hands of less gentle railway bobbies.

At the court case, when a counter-charge of assault against the Japanese boy was filed, he said that such a thing could not have happened because Japanese people do not like touching others, especially muggers. But what really bewildered the court was his refusal - having flown all the way back from Japan to testify - to answer questions under crossexamination.

His argument was a simple nue. He had travelled a long way to tell the truth and sworn to do so. Why was the man in the black cloak calling him a liar? He had come back to see the guilty punished. To doubt his story was to imply that he too was a criminal and written in red on his family tree . . . it was all enough to make the judge want

to eat his wig But such British attitudes to the law are what makes one senior executive of a Japanese company put steel bars on the windows of his Home Counties house.

"There are still many divides between us," he said, as we ate fried bean curd washed down with malt whisky, and other exquisite dishes served by his wife. Take the Japanese approach to women.

My wife of course permits me to
go to a club with hostesses. That is the Japanese way." His delightful spouse smiled dutifully.

At half past six the next morning I received a hysterical call from the executive who, after the mists of single malt had cleared, immediately imagined himself in the gossip columns.
"Don't worry," I explained. "I

wouldn't tell anyone. It wouldn't be cricket." There was a silence. "Clickets?" he asked eventually. very puzzled. Oh well, vive la

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Imagine a vast country of 280 millinn people constituted as a federation of states which remains united out of the political and economic selfinterest of each. Imagine that same country governed by a federal parliament in which each representative has had to where the selection and the selection of compete for election and stands regularly for re-election. Imagine that country as a per cem high socialist state in which, outside the large state monopolies, the market rules and the small entrepreneur flourishes. Could this vision ever be the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics?

As 1986 passes into 1987, it looks improbable. But it is easy to forget that only 70 years have passed since Russia became the first state to attempt to implement Marxism. There is a tendency to forget (and in the Soviet Union that memory lapse is state policy) that less than a century ago the Russian Empire was just starting out on a road that might have led towards Western-style democracy and that it was embarking nn industrial and agricultural modernization on a scale that could have incorporated Russia into the rapidly growing international economic sys-

The years between have seen the Russian Empire become the Soviet Empire. The lumbering imperial bureaucracy has been rebuilt. The finer points of cultural heritage have been disowned; intellectual traditions and the pursuit nf knowledge have been extinguished by the new orthodoxies of Marxism-Leninism. But the greatest indictment of the Soviet system in its seventieth year is that it has failed even in its own terms.

As a nominally socialist country, the Soviet Union has one of the sharpest real income differentials in the world. As a state governed nominally by the workers for the workers, fewer than 50 per cent of all Communist Party members are classed as. workers. A nominally democratic country, it has no mechanism either for replacing its leaders or for professing to lead the world, it falls behind not only on

quantifiable tests, such as probity in public life, as well. Until recently uncomfortable facts such as these have been studiedly ignored inside the Soviet Union. Indeed, they

have been systematically covered up by those with access to the information and enshrined in a mythology of optimism - the inevitable bright future". Those like Academician Sakharov, with both the access to the information and the courage to interpret it, have been silenced. The "contradiction" of the

"ideal" state turning up crime, corruption, scientific and economic stagnation, into the third and fourth generations, has been successively ascribed to the remnants of history, the damage sustained during the second world war, Stalin's "personality cult" (in retrospect), malign Western influences and sabotage by sundry "imperialists". Neither Soviet leaders, nnr their ideologists, nor their economists could bring themselves to look straight in the mirror.

Within a few decades the reflections would anyway have been distorted. Surveys and statistics produced by official agencies for the ruling Communist Party were themselves embellished. Unfulfilled plans were fulfilled and overfulfilled on paper. Crime statistics were sanitized. When the truth about alcoholism, family breakdown and life expectancy became too unpalatable, it was suppressed.

Recognition of the gulf between the ideals from which Marx and Lenin proceeded and their embodiment in the Soviet Union of today has been a constant theme of Soviet dissenters since the 1960s. It is one reason why, in his first extended interview since his release, Dr Sakharov described dissent as a moral phenomenon. Morality, like culture and learning, has been subsumed into Marxism-Leninism. Above all, the quality of honesty has been lost, subordinated to a political theory which was elevated to the status of truth.

honesty has begun to damage the national interests of the measurable indices (such as Soviet state - as this year's Anatoly Marchenko could not infant mortality), but on less embellished performance happen.

statistics form the basis for next year's projections and rote-learning replaces the mastery of knowledge for qualifications - the leadership has finally addressed itself to the problem. It is the single development that could transform the Soviet state.

So far, the pursuit of honesty has been manifested only modestly. Since the nuclear disaster at Chernobyl it has begun to penetrate the official media - though Chernobyl, like the unrest in Kazakhstan. demonstrated that the new openness was distinctly limited by Western standards. It has begun to penetrate the economic establishment, with the delayed publication of missing statistics from recent years. It has touched the cultural and academic establishment, with belated recognition for hitherto suspect artists and scholars and a new encouragement for interest in the Russian past.

Beginning with the new edition of the Communist Party Programme, it has also begun to penetrate the mnrass of ideology which underpins Soviet practice. That programme, subdued in tone, shorn of its earlier confidence in the eventual victory of communism, reticent about the worldwide application of the Soviet experience, gave the first sign that the Soviet Union's self-righteous aggressiveness might one day be tempered.

At the end of 1986, there are only faint intimations of change. If they become clearer in 1987, it may then become possible to talk of a second phase of the October Revolntion. This would be a phase in which the sense of mission coupled with insecurity which has pervaded Soviet foreign policy is replaced by a Soviet readiness to take its place in the international arena as a normal state. It would be a phase in which criticism of the Communist Party was permitted, in which the remaining. heirs of the Russian intelligentsia could play a role with pride. It would be a phase in the invector of stan, the detention of Andrei Sakharov and the death of

COMPETITION AND GAS

British Gas extolling the merits of competition. The newly privatized corporation wants to import gas from Norway (and also perhaps from Algeria and the Soviet Union) because it wants maximum competition among its suppliers. It reckons thereby to obtain the keenest prices.

Most consumers would accept that logic. But the Government would prefer the company to buy more of its gas from the British sector of the North Sea. No doubt there are several different views in Whitehall. It is hard to see the Treasury either happily imposing additional costs on British industry or forgoing Corporation Tax on profits. Yet the collective view of Ministers is that British interests and jobs require pressure on a private sector company to act against its own best interests.

The argument is familiar from other public sector decisions. Yet the Department of Energy's position seems particularly difficult to defend here. Gas extraction is not a labour-intensive manufacturing process but a highly capital-intensive operation. The numbers of iobs involved cannot be large in relation to

Patent protection

From Professor Sir John Butterfield

Sir, As a former Chairman of the

Medicines Commission I can well

understand the frustrations of our

pharmaceutical industry as re-

flected by the recent letters from Sir Graham Wilkins (November 26) and Sir John Harvey-Jones

Pharmaceutical manufacturers

in this country are being denied a full opportunity to recoup the rewards of their inveniveness as a result of the licence-of-right provisions in the 1977 Patents Act which make the less four users of

which make the last four years of

patent protection vulnerable to

"copying" companies of home

and overseas origins.

I appreciate that the Gov-

ernment sees complexities in in-

troducing, at this time, the wider

Intellectual Property Bill that was the piece of legislation earmarked

for the commitment to repeal

licences of right for medicinal

products, which incidentally pro-

vide a balance of trade "surplus" for this country of over £800mil-

lion a year.

(December 1).

It is pleasing, if curious, to find the money at stake. They could well be fewer - though more visible - than the jobs which might be lost if Britain's gas consumers have to pay more, or if returns on investment fall because British Gas is prevented from buying in the cheapest market.

British technology is at issue, but it is not strategically vital and it will probably survive on a diminished diet from British Gas. If the Government was right to go for Awacs rather than Nimrod, then it is surely right to allow the private sector to buy foreign gas.

The rising oil price may well make the exploitation of British gas from the North Sea more profitable. But if not, there is no point in developing high cost resources ahead of low cost resources simply because they happen to be British. That would only penalise consumers.

However, the economic argument is one that cuts both ways. If it is right for the corporation to be free to shop around among competing suppliers, then it must also be right for the consumer to be able to shop around. Competition brings benefits both when its suits British Gas and when it does not.

So far as domestic consumers are concerned, competition is unfortunately not likely to become a reality. The Government's dubious decisinn to privatize the gas industry en bloc rather than after separating out the different businesses means that in the forseeable future the small consumer is unlikely to have any alternative to British Gas.

The same is not true of industry. Under the Oil and Gas (Enterprise) Act of 1982, large consumers of gas can negotiate directly with in-dependent gas producers and then take delivery through the British Gas pipeline network. Ofgas, the industry's watchdog, has the duty to ensure that charges levied by the corporation for use of this network are

not excessive. No large consumer has yet made use of this opportunity. But the fact that in one case British Gas undercut a potential rival producer suggests that more vigorous competition might well hold down prices. It is time for one of the independents to challenge British Gas on its charges and, if necessary, take its case to

Surely, the balance must now be potentially struck between the industry and Government in this sector of our economy. It is my earnest hope that someone in Westminster will step forward and accept the challenge to repeal the unfair aspects of the 1977 patent laws through a private member's Bill, or some other parliamentary device, that will enable the Government to association and who show, hunt or ride for pleasure, dn so side-

honour its commitment to one of the most successful sectors of our commercial economy. Ynurs faithfully, JOHN BUTTERFIELD. have astride".

Cambridge University School of Clinical Medicine. The Clinical School, Addenbrooke's Hospital, Hills Road, Cambridge.

Firm in the seat

From the Chairman of the Side Saddle Association Sir, I must disagree with the sweeping statement, in your report (December 23) on the Queen's decision to give up riding side-saddle at the Trooping the Colour ceremony, that riding side-saddle is "a physically fatiguing and

dangernus equestrianism that most horse-women nn longer even attempt". The Side Saddle Association has more than 1,000 active riding members; in addition, many la-dies who are not members of our

· Miss Sylvia Stanier has recently revised and updated Doreen Archer Huublon's book, Side Saddle. Chapter I says: "Nevertheless, it is an undoubted fact that a sidesaddle can give a woman a far firmer seat than she would ever

Burmese has been a loyal servant to her Majesty the Queen and it is right and fitting that she should enjoy homourable retirement. I cannot, however, accept that riding side-saddle is a dangerous form of transport.

Ynurs sincerely, MARIE STOKES (Chairman, The Side Saddle Association), Higham Farm, Chapel Lane. Guestling Green, Nr Hastings, East Sussex.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

whole husiness of defence

procurement ... must be re-examined". But what is surely

needed is a really far-reaching investigation into why British industry, in conjunction with the MnD, persistently fails the Armed

Forces, and the British taxpayer.

Keeping abreast of technology

From Mr Frank Glyn-Jones Sir, Mrs Thatcher's Government has been in power during almost the whole of the period when Nimrod was developed. At the heart of Britain's manufacturing problem is the difficulty in keeping up with advancing technology, and with every wave of new technology we have become more dependent on overseas manufacnurers. Computers have largely been in the hands of foreign multinationals.

Now a vast new industry is on the horizon, one that will provide products to work with the digital telephone networks, and already there are signs that Japanese industry as well as American is, setting up subsidiaries in the UK in preparation for this opportunity. Few foreign MNCs achieve a export/import balance in net export/impo

Sooner or later Britain must break the mould and once again build new world-class industries. The Government believes that this function is not its role and that it must rely nn market forces and initiative from within industry. But market forces are not succeeding and the situation is getting desperate.

The Government has had a glorious opportunity during the last seven years by determination and leadership to make certain that the Nimrod project did succeed. The major issue seems to be that the cream of nur talent, which is needed to build these new industries, is attracted elsewhere, some nf it to the USA.

Whatever the factors, here was an opportunity for Government to find nut at close quarters what the real problems were and acting in partnership with industry to take the necessary actions.

If there is one lesson from Nimrod which we must heed it is

that we need a Government that understands manufacturing industry and provides the leadership for which the nation craves. Yours sincerely, FRANK GLYN-JONES 15 Bolton Avenue.

From Mr Alistair Horne Sir, Your leader of Friday (December 19) states, with surprising mildness, that "the

Family life

Windsor, Berkshire.

From Professor R. C. Whitfield Sir, Digby Anderson (December 9) properly sharpens the debate about family life by associating divorce with child ahuse. Sustaining children's rights is only rarely compatible with the separation or divorce of their parents.

More perhaps than previous generations we now expect personal fulfilment from our marriages, but most of us have received little or no direct educational assistance regarding the skills of achieving that over the life cycle within a framework of personal responsibility to those who depend upon us.

We must therefore have a major change in nur educational priorities so that we are better prepared for the productive work for our kith and kin which we carry out in the hame environment. Everyone's personal and collective futures are, in fact, home

made. Yours faithfully, RICHARD C. WHITFIELD, Hnn Chairman, National Campaign for the Family, c/o The Salvatinn Army (Legal

Section), 101, Queen Victoria Street. EC4. From the Chairman of the

National Family Conciliation Council Sir, I welcome Digby Anderson's anguish in drawing public atten-tion to another rise in the divorce rate and the consequences for children, which he calls "child

abuse on a grand scale." He criticises "progressivist ideology" as both cause and response. Any remedy is, of course, as complex and long-term as are the causes. In the meantime the 40 or so valuntary conciliation services which belong to the National Family Conciliation Council have sprung from local

The evil that men do From his Honour Judge Lipfriend Sir, The title to Bernard Levin's article (November 24), "The evil some men do is born within them", is not supported by all that follows. It is true he writes that some people "are evil, not are made evil" and that "only a very small number of people are like [Comrade] Tek, nr could become like him". And he further suggests that because some people from the Broadwater Farm estate did not

That Tek idescribed in the book Cambodian Witness] was evil in, say, 1980 at the age of, say, 30 is clear. But was he evil at 20 or at 10 or at one?

riot, then those from the estate

who did are evil and were born

Levin also writes, and with this I am inclined to agree, "The greatest and most dangerous lie of nur time is that we are solely the result of our upbringing, etc." Presumably, therefore, he accepts that upbringing, etc, has some influence on our behaviour. However, I strongly disagree

with Dr Beckerman's thesis (fea-ture, December 17) that the suffering in this world "is the product of a strange mix of genetic and environmental characteristics, for neither of which are people morally responsible". I believe there is something in man apart from the strange mix Beckerman refers to and that we

must rid ourselves of the dan-

gerous view of the determinist,

that man has no moral res-

It is not as if Nimrod was a oneoff disaster. We have had it all before. In the late 1950s, much money and effort was expended on developing Blue Steel, an air-to-surface "guided bomb" that was to provide the main delivery vehicle for the British nuclear

in favour of Blue Streak, a ground-But in 1960, on the persuasive technical arguments of the Chiefs of Staff, Blue Streak was also scrapped £60million (multiply by 10 for today's equivalent) had already been spent on develop-ment, and a further £500million

would have had to be spent on its

deterrent. This was then scrapped

Britain was thus left high and dry, without any strategic missile nf its own. The Americans then came along obligingly with Skybolt, another air-to-surface weapon, offered on most "attractive terms". But by the end of 1962, this too was scrapped - with no warning to the British - by the Pentagon.

The result was one of the worst Anglo-American rows since Suez. only defused by some skilful personal negotiation between Macmilian and Kennedy, which led to Britain getting Polaris in lieu of Skybolt. But the mainstay of British defence remained, and still remains, conditional upon factors within the US, and out of British control. And then there was TSR-2 . . . The list goes on.

The question that should have been asked 25 years ago is the same today: what is wrong with British high tech? Is management less efficient than that of our competitors? Have we failed to spend enough on technical training and research, over the years? The answers need to be found even more urgently now than in Macmillan's day. Ynurs faithfully,

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community concern. They focus parting parents' concern for their children's needs nn planning to continue their joint parenting as co-operatively as they can in order to prevent the worst of the

Our frustration is due to the almost total lack of Government support for these or any nther initiatives during the last 10 years while the divorces have been reaching their present rate. There have been Government committees, but we have yet to believe in the emergence of any committed social policy.

Yours faithfully THELMA FISHER, Chairman, National Family Conciliation Council 34 Milton Road, Swindon, Wiltshire.

First things first From Mr R. R. Jessel

Sir, I have no doubt that a Government, supported by its Civil Service (and this includes HM Treasury), that, on the one hand, can tolerate wasting £900million nn mismanaging the procurement of a conventional weapons system, fight the Falk-lands war, fail to reinvest the proceeds of North Sea oil, sell off the nation's capital assets from British Telecom and British Gas and spend the proceeds as rev-enue; and, on the other hand, can fail to pay its teachers and nurses adequately and require the Nat-tonal Health Service for dentistry and spectacles to wither away, and finally squeeze the Arts Council grant to less than it requires to do its job, not only has no principles worth speaking of but also a wrong

Ynurs faithfully, ROBIN JESSEL, Finance Director, Kent Opera, Pembles Cross, Egerton, Ashford, Kent.

ponsibility for his actions. Man has within him the choice of good or evil but, and this must ant be ignored, the choice he makes may be considerably influenced by genes, his upbringing and the history and culture of his people

and of his environment. For Beckerman to argue that because philosophers cannot explain why two people with identical genetic endowment and identical environmental experience could behave differently, then there is no possibility that they would behave differently is, with respect to him, unsound. Perhaps the philosophers cannot explain it now to his satisfaction, but what might they be able to explain, no dnubt with some further help from the scientists, in

10 or 20 years' time?

Beckerman's thesis is a dangerous one, but so I believe is that implicit in the title to Levin's

Yours truly, ALAN LIPFRIEND, 10 Woodside Avenue, N6. December 28.

From Sir George Engle, QC Sir, On the subject of moral education Fanny Kemble has always seemed to me to have said the last word. In her Journal of a Residence on a Georgian [slave] Plantation she wrote: The half-wicked of the earth are the leaks through which wickedness is

eventually swamned. Ynurs faithfully, GEORGE ENGLE 32 Wood Lane, Higheate, No.

Locust threat in Ethiopia

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From Mr David Young Sir, It is essential that we in the West act now in order to avert another influx of refugees from Tigray, Ethiopia, into Sudan. Of the 200,000 who trekked into Sudan in 1984 over two thirds have returned to their land to sow their crops. They were provided with seed by the Relief Society of Tigray, an indigenous humanitar-ian organisation, but now, just as they are on the verge of becoming self-sufficient again, another threat stands in their way.

I am referring to the millions of locusts that have been breeding after the last major rains which also enabled their crops to grow. These locusts are not yet at their most damaging stage, but if aerial spraying is not carried nut soon a far worse tragedy will strike the already weakened people, who are only now recovering from the most recent drought.

Two planes equipped for spray-ing are stationed in Ethiopia, but the Government, which is fighting a civil war in Tigray, will not allow the spraying to go ahead and will not grant permission for international agencies to spray there

either. It is thus of paramount importance to put pressure on the Ethiopian Government to allow the spraying to go ahead before it is too late.

Yours sincerely DAVID YOUNG, 3 Rochampton Close, SW15. December 18.

Cheaper power

From Mr N. Barnes Sir, I confess to being puzzled by the frequent references to the prospect of cheaper electricity from nuclear power following the example of the French who generate 60 per cent of their electricity from nuclear fuel.

In fact a householder in France pays more than I do here in England. Moreover the French electricity supply system derives a considerable amount of its power from hydro-electric stations which have relatively low running costs, lower, perhaps, than nuclear sta-

A comparison between similar tariffs for householders in France and England is as follows and the figures seem to speak for themselves.

Blectricité S Eastern de France Electricity Off-peak (night) 3p/kWh 1.9p/kWh 5,81p/kWh 5,24p/kWh E118 E40,56p Day Annual fixed charge

The rate of exchange used in converting French currency to Starting was 9.35F 4 E1. There is a further sting in the tail for the French consumer who has VAT and local taxes added to his bill, amounting in one typical case to some 26 per cent. Yours faithfully, N. BARNES,

Doveridge, Sponden Lane, Sandhurst. Cranbrook, Kent. December 15.

Can one credit it? From Mrs Pamela Duckham

Sir, I read with interest the article by Richard Thomson (December 10) on credit cards because of a recent experience.

Preferring to pay my credit account in full and finding that I had used my last cheque, my husband obligingly wrote one for the amount. This private domestic arrangement resulted in the following:

1. An inquiry from his bank if he would like his credit limit raised as they noted he had an account with another bank for a credit com-

2. A second letter wondering why there had been no answer to the first. (We hadn't stopped laugh-3. My latest account includes the

information that my credit limit has been raised. Will they retract all these offers when the reciprocal cheque is paid in, we wonder? Yours faithfully,

PAMELA DUCKHAM, 19 Amersham Hill Gardens, High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire.

Benefit for disabled

Ministers originally estimated

Even with a change in the rules to allow recipients of both higher and lower rates of attendance allowance to be eligible for the premium, the Government naw expects nnly 7,000 people to be eligible. At the same time, tens nf thousands of disabled people face being worse off in the future than they would be now because of the nverall changes introduced by the

ON THIS DAY

DECEMBER 30 1930

Sir Leonard Woolley (1880-1960) was knighted in 1935 on the completion of 13 years' excavations at Ur of the Chaldees in what is now southern Iraq. Many of his finds are on display in the British Museum

EXCAVATIONS AT UR THE TOMBS OF

KINGS HOPES OF TREASURE (By Leonard Woolley)
UR (By mail)
The Joint Expedition of the

British Museum and of the Muse

um of the University of Pennsylva nia has begun its minth season's work at Ur with a startling discovery, that of the tombs of the great kings of the Third Dynasty. The rich graves of the prehistoric cemetery were those of kings whose names, where they have been recovered, were new to us. U-Engur, who about 2400 B.C. built the Ziggurat, his son Dungi, his grandson Bur-Sin, builders of many temples and rulers of an empire which stretched to the Mediterranean, stand for the most splendid age in the history of Ur and are familiar figures, and now their burial-place comes to light. Late last season we exposed part of a wall-front whose bricks were stamped with the name of Bur-Sin; the excavation of the building wa one of the main items in our programme for this year; it proves to be an annexe of a much larger building erected by Dungi. The clearing of this is heavy work, for the enormous mud-brick walls which Nebuchadnezzar built round the Sacred Area run right across the site and have to be due through: below these are private houses of about the twentieth century B.C. and it is only when these have been swept away that we can lav bare the work of the Third Dynasty. Probably not more than half of Dungi's building has yet been brought to light, a building with immensely solid walls of burnt bricks laid in bitumen, with square and rounded buttresses along its outer face and flights of steps leading from its central court to

west end of it. Bur-Sin's annexe is more modst, but it is still one of the best examples of building preserved at Ur. The fittings of one room in the annexe show that it was intended for the worship, presumably that of the deified king, but the buildings are primarily tombs. In Bur-Sin's courtyard a small shaft leads under a wall and through a corbelled doorway into a long vaulted cham-ber, still standing almost intact, which can only have been the

high-lying chambers at the south-

It is too much to hope that the royal graves should have escaped the notice of the enemies to whom Ur so often fell a prey, though until the last tomb has been opened hope persists, but even if not a single object should be found we are supply rewarded. The actual tomh of Bur-Sin is one of the finest monuments at Ur, but it is almost insignificant conpared with what we have, even at this stage, in Dungi's building. At the back of this two flights of stairs lead up to what was a high paved room beneath its floor there lies a huge brick-lined pit, more than 20ft. deep, which had been filled in with clean, packed soil. In a recess on one side of it is a bricked-up door through which steps led down to a square brick platform at the pit's bottom: from this broad stairs run down to left and right and, passing beyond the limits of the pit, enter long vanited rooms or passages The corbelled roofs of the passages are in a dangerous state and must be shored up before we can enter them - at present they are supported by the earth filling,

which we dare not remove.
... Already, with the work only half done, we have one of the most. monumental ruins existing in Mesopotamia: the splendid brick-work, more than 70 courses of it, going down sheer into the ground with the great staircases at the bottom is more impressive than if it stood up above the surface and makes a much stronger appeal to the imagination: what may be below and behind it all we have yet to learn.

From Mr A. A. Aston

Sir, The Government has announced a change in the rules for a proposed benefit payment to severely disabled people (report, later editions, December 12). But this is no "victory" for disabled people. Fewer people will receive the payment than the Gov-ernment originally estimated and many disabled people will be left

that 10,000 people would be able to receive a planned new severe disability premium as part of the social security changes in the Social Security Act. Now the Government has accepted it was

It is hard for the Government to claim to take proper account of the needs of severely disabled people if it makes such extraordinary errors as it has now revealed in its statistical estimates. The Gnvernment should provide full protection to prevent present and Harbledown, Canterbury, Kent.

future disabled claimants from . being left worse off than they are under existing benefit arrangements, if the Government is to prove its caring credentials. Yours faithfully, TONY ASTON (Director,

Vocational and Social Services Division), Royal National Institute for the Blind, 224 Great Portland Street, W1. December 12.

Odds-on chance

From Mr F. G. St Clair Strange Sir, It seems a pity to "cap" Mrs Welchman's letter (December 17) but I cannot refrain from recalling that, at about 2 pm on a Saturday in May, 1949, I was driving up Park Carriageway East (when it was still a two-way street) and was following a car with the registra-tion number RT 6334. I noticed this because my first car, which I

had sold 10 years earlier, was RT 6333. After spending the weekend in Kent I had to return to Marble Arch and was again driving up -Park Carriageway East at 9 am the following Monday, when one might have expected a completely different motoring population in the West End. I was following RT

Yours faithfully, F. G. St CLAIR STRANGE, Church Hill House,

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SOCIAL **NEWS**

The Princess of Wales will attend a performance of High Society, in aid of Help the Hospices at the Victoria Palace on February 23.

Princess Anne will visit Stockport Grammar School, Greater Manchester, on February 24.

visit the ASHA Neighbourhood Project at 43 Stratford Street, Beeston, Leeds, on February 24 and will be entertained at lunch. Princess Anne, as President of the Save the Children Fund, will attend a preview of a sale of work at Hugh Ripley Hall, Ripon, North Yorkshire, on February 24.

Princess Anne, Chancellor of London University, will attend the senior student's dinner at

Forthcoming marriages

Captain M.B. Andrews and Miss F.L. Carter between Martin Andrews, Royal Engineers, eldest son of Mr and Mrs D.C. Andrews, of Lightwater, Surrey, and Finola, younger daughter of Brigadier and Mrs Gerald Carter, of

Longcot, Oxfordshire.

mant R.P.W. Bell, RN and Miss J.E. Bufton The engagement is announced between Paul, son of Lieutenant-Commander and Mrs R.B.E. Bell, of Ashey, Isle of Wight, and Janet, daughter of Mr and Mrs R.A.G. Bufton, of Ryde, Isle of Wight.

Dr N.H.L. Bryson and Miss S.J. Gibson The engagement is announced between Neil, eldest son of Dr and Mrs T.H.L. Bryson, of Upton, Wirral, and Sarah, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs E.J. Gibson, of Kidderminster,

Appointments Lientenant-Colonel Seymour Gilbart-Denham to be Crown Equerry in succession to Lieutenant-Colonel Sir John Miller, who has held the appointment since 1961 and

appointment since 1961 and who is to retire next August. Professor Barry Canliffe and Mr John Newman to be members of the Historic Buildings and Moouments Commission for Eogland (English Heritage). Mr LM. Oshorne to be Headmaster of Belhaven Hill, Dunbar, io succession to Mr D.R.D. bar, io succession to Mr D.R.D. Vass, who is retiring next July.

Latest wills

Mr William James Ferguson, of Westmioster, formerly Chief Executive and Secretary of Lloyd's Register of Shipping, left estate valued at £104,916

Mr Geoffrey Le Mare, of Littlebourne, Kent, left estate valued at £904,747 ner. He left £10,000 to the Imperial Cancer Research Fund.

Mr David Cook, of Burnham Market, Norfolk, brush manufacturer, left estate valued at £19.913 net.

Mr Geoffrey Gould Marier, of Fulham, left estate valued at £452,424 net. He left 16 large measures of whisky to Mr John measures of whisky to Mr John
Triggs and nine gallons of beer
to Mr Harold Burdon, both
available at Barnes Sports Club,
London.

Princess Anne, President of the Save the Children Fund, will Gardens, WCt, on February 25.

Mr M.B. Hall and Miss E.S. Mayne The engagement is announced between Michael, eldest son of the Rev John and Mrs Hall, of Tooting, London, and Elizabeth

Sarah, only daughter of Mrs Olive Mayne, of Stockport, Mr T. Thurston

and Miss K.S. Williams
The engagement is announced between Trevor, only soo of Mr and Mrs N.L. Thurston, of Underberg, South Africa, and Katharine, eldest daughter of Lieutenani-Colonel and Mrs R.J.B. Williams, of Roch Kent.

Mr P.S. Vainker and Miss S.J. McPherson The engagement is announced between Philip, younger son of M and Mme F. Vainker, of l'Ancienne Solle, Briey, France, and Shelagh, youngest daughter of the late W. Duncan McPherson and Mrs D.C. McPherson, of Si Albans, Hertfordshire.

Birthdays today

Professor Sir Roy Caine, 56: Mr Anthony Cripps, QC, 73; Gen-eral Sir David Fraser, 66: Sir Reginald Groom, 80; Lord Harvington, 79; Professor J. T. Houghton, 55; Lord Howick of Glendale, 49; Air Chief Marshal Sir Edmund Hudleston, 78; Professor Rosalinde Hurley, 57; Sir John Prideaux, 75; Sir Albert Robinson, 71; Lord Taylor, 76; Lord Terrington, 7t; Sir Eric Weiss, 78; Sir David Willcocks, 67; Mr Clifford Williams, 60.

Polytechnic news

North Staffordshire
Mr K. B. Thompson, acting
director, to be the new director
of the polytechnic next year, in
succession to Dr J. F.
Dickenson.

Middlesex Professor David Marks, former senior lecturer in psychology at the University of Otago, New Zealand, to be head of the school of psychology. Professor Michael Hall, former head of hydrology unit, Halcrow and Destroyer to be head of the

and Partners, to be head of the school of civil engineering. Mrs Sheila Tan, former principal lecturer in constructed textiles, to be head of the school



Joanna Pickard, of Notting Hill, London, showing off the finery of n Victorian court dress from the Kensington Palace collection during a chidren's morning at the museum yesterday (Photograph: Tim Bishop).

From 'heretic' to hero

Spain reclaims philosopher

It took place in the same

Astray, the Nationalist army

general, who denounced him

prophecy of the onicome of the war - you will win because you have enough

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haunted the congress.

intellectuals".

From Richard Wigg, Salamanca Half the participants, many

bon house.

Miguel de Unamuno, the most famous of the Spanish intellectuals of the Second of them undergraduates from Salamanca and other univer-Republic, who was twice dissities, were under 30 years of missed as rector of Salamanca University during the political The 10-day congress opened storms of his times and in the presence of the Queen of hranded by a Spanish Catholic Spain, underlining a posthubishop even in the 1960s as "a mous reconciliation between master-teacher of heretics". an opponent of King Alfonso XIII and Spain's ruling Bourhas finally come into his own

Castilian town. A new and much deepened understanding of the contradictions in thought and deed of the Basque philosopher, poet and journalist has emerged from an inter-national congress of Una-muno scholars just ended here, where he died 50 years ago tomorrow, isolated from

these days in this ancient

"We have a giant on our hands, that's clear". Dr Nicho-las Round, of Glasgow University declared, and this congress, which has revealed the full extent of his stature, could only have taken place in a democratic Spain, aware of its obligation to understand its

charted the evolution of a lifelong liberal. Disgusted by the anarchy of the Second Republic, Unamuno mistakenly but sincerely, they argued, believed Franco would

restore order. Finally, he realized, amid the horror and cruelty the civil war, that these generals were going, as Professor Elias Diaz of Madrid's Autonomous University put it, "for a regime based on terror".

hall of the university where in October 1936 one of the most In his native Basque counfamous episodes of the civil try Unamuno has been war occurred, Unamuno's courageous clash with Millan remembered, even though he opposed the emerging Basque nationalism and derided the Basque language "death to

Only Spain's ruling Socialist Party seems to have forgotten Unamuno's equally famous the young Unamuno writing articles for Bilbao's pioneering Socialist press in much harder times.

hrute force hot you will not convince" - inevitably Tomorrow, a plaque is to be unveiled in Salamanca's Plaza Mayor by the authorities recalling the great man on the But the Spanish, British, day he died, isolated and vilified by both sides in the American and French scholars who spoke on those last vilified be crucial months of his life, civil war.

In 1965 he was appointed Permanent Under-Secretary, and he held the post until

Mr Andrei Tarkovsky, Russian film director, died yester-

OBITUARY

who devoted his life to admin-

istration in Scotland, and who

served for eight years as Permanent Under-Secretary

at the Scottish Office, died

suddenly on December 26. He

Thomas Douglas Haddow

was born on February 9, 1913,

and, after schooling at George Watson's College, Edinburgh,

was a star student of mathe-

matics at Edinburgh Universi-

ty and Trinity College,

He then decided to sit for

the Administrative Civil Ser-

vice and did so well in the

examination that he could

certainly have had a place in

the Treasury. But he chose

instead to enter the Scottish

After working for six years in its health department he

became, in 1941, private sec-

retary to the wartime Secre-

tary of State, Tom Johnston.

with whom he remained until

1944. This was a formative

experience in his life. John-

ston was perhaps the greatest

Scottish Secretary in the com-paratively short history of the

office, and Haddow was an apt

pupil as well as a highly

During the period immedi-

ately following the war he played a leading part in estab-lishing the National Health Service in Scotland, and he

was later, from 1959 to 1962,

secretary of the department of

health. He was a powerful

influence in the process of

reorganizing the Scottish Office, which led among other things to the creation within it

of a department of develop-

ment. Of this he was the first

competent aide.

Cambridge.

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SIR DOUGLAS HADDOW

Scottish administrator in

the Johnston mould

day in Paris. He was 54. He was one of a generation of talented young directors who broke with orthodox "socialist realism" after the death of Stalin in 1953.

He won international acclaim when his first feature, Ivanovo Detstvo, gained the Golden Lion award at the Venice Film Festival. Throughout his career his films enjoyed a greater reput-ation abroad than in the Soviet Union, where he was in frequent conflict with the authorities.

Tarkovsky was born in Moscow on April 4, 1932, the son of a poet. He was a graduate of the Soviet State Film School where he studied under the director, Mikhail Romm. His first film, a short called There Will Be No Leave Today, was made in 1959. His diploma work. The Steamroller and the Violin, won a prize at the New York Festival

Ivanovo Detstvo (Ivan's Childhood, 1962) is the story of a boy whose childhood is ruined by the Nazi invasion of Russia. Unlike most Soviet war films, this is free from sentimental stereotypes.

His best known picture is Andrei Rublev (1966). This tale of the medieval Russian ikon-painter was hailed in the West as a masterpiece, and won the International Critics' Prize at the 1969 Cannes Film Festival. It has strong parallels with the career of the director himself, who was a devout

Christian. It was banned in Russia for five years, though, as one critic has suggested, more on account of its length (over three hours), violence, nudity and arbitrary structure than because it was any threat to the regime. The film eventually won orthodox acceptance in Moscow, where critics praised

its patriotic theme. Tarkovsky's disenchantment with the authorities intensified over the next decade, as projects were blocked and the films he did manage to complete were given a minimum release. He was, be complained, being allowed to work "for export only."

Solaris (1972), a science fiction film short on special effects, follows three cosmonauts in their exploration of a planet. Shot in black and white, it sticks to Tarkovsky's favourite theme: the spiritual versus the material. It was

General Huang Ke-cheng, a chief of staff of the People's

wing tendencies. Huang was denounced as a

rightist in 1967, during the Cultural Revolution, and remained out of the public eye for the next decade. He returned to favour in 1978 when he was elected a member of the Party's Central Committee and secretary of the central the capture of Peking and

> With other ageing leaders, he resigned from both posts

PROF DUMAS MALONE

BIRTHS.

Dr Dumas Malone, American historian and biographer of Jefferson, died on December 27. He was 94.

Born in Mississippi on Jan-Sir Douglas Haddow, KCB, 1973. He gave strong direction uary 10, 1892, he graduated to the civil service in Scotland, from Emory University, Atwhile proving a formidable advocate of Scottish interests lanta, and then went to study and teach at Yale. After war in Whitehall, where he was service in the Marine Corps, much respected. He was parhe was awarded his doctorate. ticularly keen on economic in 1923, in which year he was development and emphasized appointed assistant professor its importance in the work of at the University of Virginia Charlottesville, becoming pro-Some eyebrows were raised

fessor three years later. Between 1929 and 1936 he was first, editor, then editorin-chief, of The Dictionary of American Biography, and from 1936 until 1942 editorin-chief of the Harvard University Press.

Returning to Charlottesville, he then started work on his Jefferson biography. This eventually ran to six volumes, entitled Jefferson and His Time, and the whole work took him four decades to write. He completed it in 1981, despite being nearly hlind since 1977.

He was then a director, for five years, of the British Though considered by some Investment Trust, and was chairman of the court of to be over-indulgent to Jefferson's attitude to slavery, Heriot-Watt University from Malone is on the whole quite ready to acknowledge faults in his subject.

He was a Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh, an hon LLD Strathclyde, and an hon DLitt Heriot-Watt.

Haddow had a restless and resourceful temperament, a mind that was quick to grasp problems, the capacity to take decisions, and a fiery, tenahistory at Columbia from cious quality in argument. He 1945 to 1959. Then he rewas forthright but kindly to his staff, usually apologizing later for any rebuke.

Outside the office his main interest was golf, at which he excelled. Since he tended to play in khaki shorts, he was an all the more notable figure on a golf course.

the Scottish administration.

when, on retirement from the

civil service, he became at

once chairman of the North of

Scotland Hydro-Electric

Board. But any breach of

protocol (by the unwritten

standards then in force) was

more than justified by his

performance in the job, which

he combined with part-time membership of the South of

Scotland Electricity Board, so

ensuring close cooperation be-

tween the two bodies. This

phase of his career ended in

1978 to 1984.

secretary, from 1962 to 1964. His wife, Margaret Rowat, whom he married in 1942, died in 1969, but he is survived by their two sons.

MR ANDREI TARKOVSKY

declared too obscure for Soviet audiences, but received another award at Cannes.

Mirror (1975), also fell foul of the Soviet authorities, and this time Western critics had to concede that its fragmented plot did not make for easy viewing. A meditative account of his own childhood, it features Tarkovsky's mother as the matriarch.

Stalker (1978), his last Moscow film, was a return to science fiction. An allegory of the human condition, it was shot with Soviet funds and facilities, but shown only for a few weeks in the Soviet

He eventually applied to work in the West, making Nostalgia in Italy in 1983. Cerebral, enigmatic and diffusely plotted, it is a return to the strange universe of Solaris and Stalker, with their haunting visions of fire and water. The following year he an-nounced his decision not to return to Russia and was stripped of his citizenship. The film has never been

shown in Russia. In October 1983 he made his début in opera, staging Boris Godunov at Covent Garden. Widely acclaimed, the production was an attempt to get beneath the pomp and explore the inner drama.

Last year he went to Sweden to begin work on a new film -The Sacrifice - shooting on the eastern coast of Gotland, within a hundred miles of Soviet soil. The film received the jury's special grand prize at Cannes in May of this year, but he was too ill to receive it in person. Instead, the award was collected by his teenage son, Andrei, who was allowed to join his parents in Paris in January after an 18-month

Earlier this year, too, Tarkovsky was invited back to Covent Garden for a new production of The Flying Dutchman, but was forced to withdraw through illness.

He rarely admitted to speaking English, mostly tumbling recklessly in and out of Italian and Russian, which was translated by an interpreter. In keeping with the mood of his films, he kept his actors in the dark, giving them only a bare story-line each day, and no script.

He was twice married, and both wives survive him, together with a son and daughter of the first marriage, and n son Tom Fielden Hood was

born on March 16, 1904, and governor.

accountant, and from 1931 to 1957 was a partner with the Bristol firm of Lawrence,

and the Second Army, and was promoted colonel in 1945.

He was director of the National Employers' Mutual General Insurance Association Ltd from 1950 to 1976, and chairman of the Portman

He was appointed a DL for Gloucestershire in 1950, and was a member of court of Bristol University since 1956.

Port of Aden in 1963. Hood was a fine figure of a man, who had been a rugby player in his youth. His forceful hut likeable personality encouraged many to join the TA at a time when its fortunes were low. In business, he was

He married, in 1931, Joan Hellyar, who survives him with their two sons.



Pollution from vehicle exhausts in Stockholm, where low temperatures make the fumes more conspicuous.

Science report

London lead pollution falls by half

The level of lead pollation in London's air fell by half in 1986, according to the most detailed study to be carried out anywhere in the United Kingdom in the first full year since the amount of lead in petrol was reduced.

But while this improvement represents one of the biggest contributions to reducing environmental pollution re-cently, the fall was still lower than expected. The level of lead in dust, thought to be a major source of exposure to lead for young children, has remained nuchanged in background areas such as school playgrounds and housing estates.

The reduction of lead concentrations in petrol. from 0.4 to 0.15 grams per litre, which came into effect between November 1985 and January 1986, was the first step to the removal of all lead from petrol. A study to measure the extent to which the cut has reduced the public's exposure to lead was carried out by the Air Pollution Group of London Scientific Services, formerly the GLC's Scientific Services Branch.

Measurements of concentrations of lead in the air were taken at 13 sites, and 17 sites respectively for concentrations of lead in the air and in dust, in or near London before and after the lower limit was introduced.

Reductions of lead levels in the air were found to range from 53 per cent at the roadside to 34 per cent at background sites - those more than five metres from the kerb of a busy main

road, at a time when lead in petrol fell by between 60 and 65 per cent. These findings suggest there is a

residual component of lead in air which is unaffected by the reduction of lead in petrol, although even after this is taken into account the fall was still less than expected. Further monitoring will be needed to find the reason for the

Lead in dust levels was found to have dropped alongside busy roads by between 10 and 40 per cent. But no overall change was observed at background sites such as playground where children are particularly voluerable.

This may be due to n large pool of lead in dust which is long-lasting, said Dr Duncan Laxen, of London Scientific Services, who researched and compiled the report with Bob Jensen.

If this is the case, said Dr Laxen, then the change in lead in petrol may take 2 long time to work through to backand dusts. Or it may be that petrol lead makes only a small contribution to

the amount of lead in this dust. Further monitoring will be required to test these hypothesis and to see whether other measures are required to reduce the amount of lead in the environment.

Dust and air are two of the most important pathways carrying lead into the body. More detail on how the reduced lead levels are directly affecting the bloodstream will come in the findings of a Department of the Environ-ment study to be published next year.

6 A new study concludes that many American children may be suffering mild hearing loss from exposure to lead. Using data collected on more than 3,000 children and teenagers, the researchers found that even low levels of lead in the blood increased the likelihood of subtle hearing loss that could affect n child's

ability to understand speech. The study also found that low levels of lead could delay the time when n child first sat up, walked and talked, and that exposure to lead increased the likelihood that n child would be hyperactive. The study showed that the more lead in the child's body the greater the chance of impairment.

The report was conducted by Dr David Otto, a research scientist at the University of North Carolina, in conjunction with Dr Joel Swartz, of the Environmental Protection Agency's Of-fice of Policy Analysis in Washington.

Dr Otto said:"This is one more piece of evidence that lead produces detrimental effects on the nervous system at very low levels". He added the research found hearing

loss associated with lead in the blood

below the Centers for Disease Control's current standard of 25 micrograms of lead per tenth of n litre of blood. At levels as low as 10 micrograms per tenth of n litre, lead interferes with the synthesis of haem, n component of blood that carries oxygen to the body's cells. Lead is used in many products, including petrol, batteries, paint and brass. Children are especially vulnerable. They breathe in more lead because their respiration rate is higher than adults. When they ingest it, their bodies absorb it at five times the rate of adults. Thumbsucking, mouthing objects and

crawling around on the ground also

University news Oxford

benefaction of £700,000 has been announced for the establishment of the M. and F. Soudavar Professorship of Per-sian Studies. An appointment is expected early in the new year.

Elected imo a research fellow ship in chemical physics from October 1, 1987: Donal Donat Conor Bradley, BSc (Lond), of Churchill College, Cambridge. Exeter Dr Charles Longhurst, BA, PhD

(Exon), senior lecturer and head of the department of Spanish sity, has been appointed to the chair of Spanish with effect from April t. Sheffield

Mr Derek Lovejoy, senior part-ner in Derek Lovejoy and Partners, has been appointed visiting professor in landscape architecture for three years from January t. UMIST

Appointments as lecturers Management sciences. Dr A M McGoldrick: Instrumentation an analytical science. Dr R D Snook mechanical engineering. Dr P P Brunn: management sciences ("now blood"). Mrs H C Ingham: electrical engineering and electronics. Mr A N Brydon and Dr J D Nicholess.

Bradford A personal research chair io organization has been established with the support of the Berlin and New York publisher, Walter de Gruyter and Co. The new professor, Professor David Hickson, has already taken up his post

Dr P. Towner, BSc, PhD, has been appointed lecturer in bio-Queen's, Belfast

Dr Robert Hamilton and Mr John McGuckian have been appointed pro-chancellors. Other appointments Chair of comparative pathology: John Brain McFerran, BSc (Edin), PhD, DSc (Belf).

Senior lectureship

rheumatolgy: Aubrey Leathan Bell, MD (Belf). Conferment of titles Emeritus professor: Dr F. Glockling professor of in-organic chemistry, 1966-83, and Dr K.J. Ivin, professor of physical chemistry, 1966-84. Professorial fellow of the university: D.V McCaughan, technical director

£110.000 from the European Economic Community to Dr 2. K. Rima in association with the University of Wurzburg Irestitute for Virology and Immunoblooty. For research on "a study of the Immunogenicity of measkes and caulice distemper

of Marconi Electronic Devices

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GENERAL HUANG KE-CHENG

companion to Mao Tse-tung and veteran of the Long March, who was purged during the Cultural Revolution, died on December 28. He was

Born in Hunan province, Huang attended the Whampoa Military Academy in Canton, under the control of Chiang Kai-shek. He joined the Communist Party in 1927. He was one of the commanders of the Eighth Route Army and New Fourth Army during the war against Japan, and played a decisive role in

against the Nationalists. In 1958, after the Communist takeover, he was made last year.

Liberation Army, an appointment taken to indicate greater political control of the armed forces. The next year, however, he was replaced after a speech by Mao heralding a campaign to counter right-

discipline commission.

Tianjin during the civil war

inspection

In an interview two years ago he compared later leaders unfavourably with Jefferson and his great contemporaries. They, he said, "thought more about the future, and they knew more of the past." Malone was professor of

turned finally, to Virginia as Thomas Jefferson Foundation professor, becoming professor emeritus and biographer-inresidence in 1962. In 1975 he received a Pulitzer Prize for his magnum

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opus, and in 1983 the Presidential Medal of Freedom He married, in 1925, Elizabeth Gifford, who survives him with their son and daughter.

PROFESSOR HERBERT **DIECKMANN**

Professor Dieckmann, authority on Diderot and Avalon Foundation Professor Emeritus of the Humanities at Cornell University, died nt Ithaca, New York, on December 16. He

He was born at Duisburg, Germany, in 1906, and studied at the universities of Bonn and Paris. He held teaching posts at the Turkish State University in Istanbul and at Washington University, St Louis, before becoming Smith Professor of French and Spanish at Harvard. He joined the Cornell faculty in 1966 and

retired in 1974. It was at Harvard that he made his major contributions to the study of French literature. He had found the Diderot papers, in a closet in a château near Fécamp owned by Diderot's descendants, and his analysis of these drew wide attention, especially in France.

Dieckmann's major publication, Cinq Lecons Sur Diderot, appeared in 1959, and was based on a series of lectures which he had been invited to deliver at the Collège de France in 1957. They emphasized the importance of Diderot as an artist as well as n

scientist and philosopher. Like his authoritative 1955 edition of the Supplément au Voyage de Bougainville, these lectures were based upon a combination of thorough scholarship in the Germanic tradition and a perception and lightness of touch which made an immediate appeal to scholars in France, as well as in the English-speaking world. Dieckmann is survived by

his wife, Jane, and and their three children. SIR TOM HOOD

Sir Tom Hood, KBE, CB, businessman and Territorial officer, died on December 14.

educated at Clifton College, of which he later became a He trained as a chartered

Gardner & Co. From the late 1920s he was active in the Territorial Army. being commissioned in the Royal Engineers at the age of 23. During the Second World War he served with the 61st Division, Scottish Command

Building Society from 1960 to

He chaired the commission of enquiry into the future of the

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WARMINGTON - On 26th December, in Brisiol, to Lucy thee Artist and Keith, a daughter, Hannah Louise.

ANNIVERSARIES

EADIE: BROWN On 30th December 1961 at Congregational Church, Certards Cross. William to Mary now at East Sheen SW14 SIMMONS-DAGGER - On 30th Decem-ber 1961, at St. Mary's, Cadogan St., London SW3, Terry Simmons to Pa-tricks Proper.

DEATHS

AGERMOLM - On 25th December peacefully, at home. Dr. Margaret Agerholm. Much loved and admired sister, mother, grandmother and doc-Agerson. Much loven and admired sister, mother, grandmother and doctor. Funeral 11.30 am. Friday January 2nd at Crematorium. Randalls Road. Leatherhead. Flowers and enquiries to I. Hawkins & Sons, 2 Highlands Road. Leatherhead, 0372 372435,

INNELL - On December 24th 1986, peacefully at home to Cumbria. Jean Chaimers. Dearty loved wife of John Birrell, formely of Winborne, Dorset, Private family funeral,

Private family funeral,
BLAIR - On December 28th after Bloess gallantly fought. Phytis Mary, widow of Peter, mother of Catherine and lowing grandmother of Ashley George, Burial service at St Mary's, Caterham-On-Hill on Priday January 2nd at 10.15 am, Donations in lieu of Govers to the Marte Curie Fund, Caterham, Galyer & Co Tel OBBS 942313
BRIANT - On December 27th, peace-

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Rowers only.

RROWHESE - On December 28th 1986, peacefully in St. Helan's Hospital Hastings. Dr. Harold Swainson aged 76 years believed husband of Renke and much loved father and grandfather. Funeral service at St. Mathew's on Monday January 6th at 11.45am, Expelly (Romers only. Donations if de-Family Howers anny, Domanous in ex-sired, in St. Michael's Hospics (Hastings) Ltd.C/o of D.C. Mercer and Sons, 29 Sediescombe road North, St. Leonards-en-Sen. Tel 0424 421805

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CECIL - On December 27th, 1985, peacefully at home, after a long illness bravely fought. Peter Garnet, dearly loved by family and many friends whose lives he enriched. Private family funeral. No flowers please.

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CHURCHER On December 28th, peacefully at Foxleigh Crove Nursing Home, Holyport. Barbara Mary, aged 82. dearty loved mother of Caroline. Timothy and Nicholas. Fumeral service Wednesday December 31st at 11.15am. Hoby Trutity Church. Windsor. Flowers to E. Sargeani & Son. 6t St. Leonards Rd. Windsor.

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22nd January 1987, Family flowers
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COLE On December 27th peacefully at Rush Court. Wallingford, Oxon. after a short litness. Myra Litian aged 94. beloved wife of the late fleutenam colonel R W Cole M.B.E., R.A. M.C., dearest mother of Tich and Audroy and the late it vy and Erk. and mother in law of Geoff and Ron. greatly loved by mine grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. A lady of great forfillude and courage, loved and admired by many. Planeral service on Friday 2nd January 1987 at 10 48 sm at Oxford crematorium. All enquiries and flowers to J W Marcham, 55 Wood Street, Wallinglord O491 36145.

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EVERY - On December 26th 1986. John Reginald. Wing Commender trehred, O.B.E., aped 72 years, the very dearly loved husband of Mary (Jane) of Old Farm Cottage. Chapol Lane, Northmoor on Friday January 2nd al 11am, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please. Donallons it desired to the R. A. F. Benevolent Fund.

FOLEY - On the 24th December, peace fully at Melrose, Margaret (nee Bruc-Lesile) thermhed wife and compan-ion of G Cameron Foley, Family tuneral, No flowers please. tuneral. No flowers please.
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Winifred Mary Barton (Dephne).
aged 87 years, wife of the late Lecide
Forbes of Crockham Hill. Funeral
service at Torquay crematorium on
Friday January 2nd 1987 at 11,30
am. Enquiries to Torbay and District
Funeral Service. Tel: 0803 22447.

FORSTER · On December 27th, at St Katherine's Wantage. Ethel. four days after her 95th birthday. Last surviving daughter of the lote Rever-end Bennet Forster, of Sevington. Kent.

Rems. Con 27th December in hos-pital in his 84th year, Leonard John (Johnny), husband of Anne and brother of Hilds Knight. Funeral ser-vice at the church of SI Philip and Si James, Hallow, near Worcester on Friday January 2nd at 2.45 pm, fol-lowed by cremation. Family flowers only, donations if desired, to Hallor Church Fund.

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GR.CHRIST - On 25th December, 1986. Saddenly at her horse. Donothy Joan (take Nartzzano) of Ardingly, Sussex, dearty loved wife of Finkay, mother of Graeme. Caroline and Colin, and grandmother of Simon, Jonathan and Rate, Prighta and Mark, and Thomas, Funeral service Pilvate, Donotions, if desired, to the British Red Cross Stotety, Camden Division, Loodon.

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GOW - On 25th December 1986, at Queen Mary's Hospital, Sidcup, Dr Leslic Eastham Burton Gow, aged 72 years. Deeply mourned by his loved ones.

GOW On December 27th 1986, peacefully at home, Brigastier John Wesley Harper (Jack) Gow C.B.E., D.L., aged 88. Husband of the late Jean Begg J.P. and father of Sandy. Michael and Jock, also a much loved Grandfather, and Great Grandfather. Cretisation private, Service of Thanksgiving at Paistey Alboy, Paistey, Scotland. on thursday 8th January 1987 at 12, nom. No flowers please.

Jenuary 1987 et 12, noon. No flow-era please.

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friends, Memorial service at The Parists and Priory Church of St Mary
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MABEY - On Christmas Day at The Royal Northern, Holloway, aged 88, Liudy) Ellaline Ursula May, widow of Commander Charles Mabey, much loved mother of Nina, Peter and Robin, Funeral at Colders Green Crematorium, Bedford Chanel, at 3,10pm Friday January 2nd.

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MAZINUS - On December 24th, peaco-fully after a short timest. Creta folde Slegel). Dearty loved and terribly missed by her bushand Norbert, her sister in lew and all her many friends. Funerat Tuesday 2.00 pm at Willeston United Synagogue Cantelery, Beaconstead Road. Willeston.

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Archaeology Early German bell foundry found By Norman Hammond, Archaeology Correspondent

heart of Duisburg one of West the Niederrheinisches Mu-Germany's leading industrial seum carried out a long term excavatino un the site, dicentres, has revealed well preserved remains of the medieval city, including an imperial palace of the twelfih rected by Dr Gunter Krause. The centre of the site was the Alter Markt, the medieval market square beside the palcentury and the earliest mediace: archaeological deposits eval bell foundry oorth of the some four metres deep were found, as well as walls of the palace still standing two me-Alps.
The discoveries are considered of such importance that tres high. Ninth century potthe entire excavated area will be incorporated into a new

development.

Modern Duisburg is the largest inland barge port in Europe, and throughout the Middle Ages the city con-trolled the confluence of the burg as a tradiog centre.

The market square revealed successive cobbled surfaces interleaved with thick layers Rhine and the Ruhr. It was already a fortified oppidum when the Vikings over-wintered there in AD \$83-4. and a royal manor existed there by the end of the

Under the Emperor Henry I

(929-936) this was expanded

into an imperial palace: in 1980 the trenches cut for gas

and water mains revealed part of an extension some two

centuries later. Since develop-

Six years of digging in the ground railway and car park, heart of Duisburg one of West the Niederrheinisches Mutrines have yielded animal bones, seeds and parasites

Last winter the Carolingian tery amphorae, and lava corngrinding querns from the Niedermendig quarries fur-ther up the Rhine, indicated the early importance of Duis-

of mud and rubbish, in which the tracks of human feet, the hooves of catile and the wheels of wagons have been fossilized by their infilling with gravel, thrown down to support the next layer of Numerous pieces of leather

bell foundry porth of the Alps

nearby emphasizes the indus-

which will reveal much about medieval German diet and

settlement of the ninth century was further investigated, and wattle-and-daub walled timber buildings were documented as they were cut away on the line of the new underground railway. The range of material suggests that Duisburg was as important as the better known emporia of Hamwih (new Southampton).

Dorestad io Hulland and
Haithabu in north Germany.
The importance of the site is

such that the Alter Markt, complete with the cellars and lower storeys of the brick-built market halls, is to be preserved as an "archaeological conservation" area, but at the same time. Mr David Gaimster, of the British Museum, reports in Rescue News that medieval buildings are suggest that a shoemaker being destroyed by other worked here, and the earliest developments, and funds for further work, including study and publication of the mass of complex was planned, as well as well as mercantile malerial, are drying up.

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Accountants to Engineers

TODAY!

Asked about the issuing of

the description and photo-

graph of the wanted man on

said the situation had been looked at very carefully. The

decision had been taken by

Assistant Commissioner John

Dellow, head of the detective

Questioned about the use of

this had any connection with

the crash, Det Supt Corcoran

said: "We had a duty to

protect the public ... I am

quite sure in my own mind

that had the accident not

occured the man would have

been arrested very, very

According to Scotland Yard

sources yesterday, the wanted man was first identifed before

Christmas in connection with

the disappearance of Miss

Catherine Ainger, a student

from north London, who was

held for three days after going

on a date.

photograph and whether

force at Scotland Yard.

inday night the detective

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daughter called at about 9am yesterday and said: "I've never talked so much in four days. I just talked my way through it."

Mrs Ettridge said that her daughter was "in complete control of herself" during the conversation, describing how she had built up a "one-to-one" relationship with the man she was with

The girl's father said that he had reacted in "a noncommital way" to the man's apology. "I did not know what circumstances Samantha was finding herself in at the time, and I did not want to antagonize him any further."

Mr and Mrs Ettridge expressed their condolences to the family of the baby who was killed in the crash.

The death of a baby has spoilt our celebration. I feel so sorry for the baby's parents," Mrs Ettridge said.

"But we are very, very happy that Samantha is safe and we are looking forward to "It is going to take her a little bit of time to recover.

But she was all right and quite calm when she contacted us," Det Supt Corcoran said that

Mr Chmilowskyj would be held at an unnamed police station for questioning by officers. He had been exam-ined by a doctor after the crash

Manifesto

on schools

link between the two cases was made, the full identity and picture were issued. PO chief

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of the education committee on Kent County Council, the largest Tory-controlled authority in England and Wales, said that parts of the education manifesto contained some astounding and offensive propositions.

As a life-long Tory, he said he found the present vogue of blanket condemnation of LEAs distressing.

Mr David Hart, the general secretary of the traditionally moderate National Association of Head Teachers, said the report, in particular the suggestion that every school should be free of local authority control, was "totally impractical" in its outlook and that the report was peppered with gross exaggerations

criticizes 'sell-off'

Continued from page 1

parcels division in 1989 and the letters division in 1990. Sir Ronald said that he was surprised that Mr Albon had not even considered whether, if the Post Office was privatized, it should be done as a

He said that, as far as he knew, the present Gov-ernment had not taken a decision to privatize, He said that outside consultant advice on the Post

Office's present divisional structure had concluded that it vas was efficient. The chairman emphasized the interdependence of the

four divisions of the Post

Office: parcels, Girobank, counters and letters.



The remains of Frog's restaurant in St Peter's Street, Canterbury, yesterday after the fire and car crash in which a man died.

By a Staff Reporter

A man was killed yesterday when facade covering fifteenth century his car crashed into the front of a restaurant and exploded in flames. Police believe the dead man was Mr Oscar Rudolph, the restaurant's owner, who was thought to be in his early fifties.

They said the blaze had already started when a Vnivo saloon crashed into Frog's restaurant in Canterbury, Kent, shortly before 6am yesterday. The fire destroyed the listed build-

ing, part of the city's historic St Peter's Street. Up to 60 firemen fought the blaze, which took several hours to control

as a crowd of sightseers hampered the emergency services. The restaurant was a Grade 2 listed Coal dilemma, page 2 | building, with an eighteenth century Police took seven hours to recover

the wreckage of the car, which was then examined by forensic scien-A police spokesman said: "We are not looking for a third party". The restaurant was only 400 yards from Canterbury Cathedral and its destruction was the second time in

recent years that fire has destroyed an historic building in the city. Three years ago a blaze destroyed the weavers' building, which dated from the time of the early textile industry in Kent.

Police said that Mr Rudolph lived above the restaurant, had two children, and was estranged from



The Archbishop of Canterbury at the scene.

Letter from Jerusalem

Children failing Israeli spy class

bookstalls all round the

It is a picture of Elie Coben hanging from a gallows in Damascus after being executed for spying in May, 1965. For three years before he was caught he bad been one of the most successful agents in a secret service with a reputation for success.

To the growing consternation of Israeli intelligence the number of people capable of serving the country as efficiently as Mossad's master spy in Damascus is dwindling apidly, largely as a result of Israel's growing identity as a

Elie Cohen was one of tens of thousands of Jews who spoke Arabic as his mother tongue. That made it possible for him to infiltrate the highest echelons of Syrian society and, in the end, come away with the master plan for the Syrian defence of the Golan Heights - 2 piece

Arabic essential for Elie Cohen

of intelligence that allowed the Israeli army to conquer this seemingly impregnable for-tress in a matter of hours during the Six Day War in

But the days of mass migration from Arabic speaking countries to Israel are over.

The only relatively large lewish community in the Arab world is in Morocco, while those who arrived from countries like Syria and Iraq over 30 years ago are now too old for spying and their chil-dren have grown up proudly

speaking Hebrew. The migrants themselves, once they reached Israel, earnt the language of the new Jewish state as a step towards finding a national identity. It proved very unifying but it also meant that youngsters in Arabic families did not only not learn Arabic but tended to regard it as an inferior lan-knowledge of Arabic is essenguage. It was smart to speak tial for understanding in nego-

30,000 students who each year which falls on deaf ears among start Arabic studies, only Israel's Hebrew-speaking about 1,000 a year complete young. the course to the level required by the intelligence corps. Ev-

The picture of one of ery year the number drops, Israel's national heroes while the proportion of gradugrimly decorates the cover of ates who can go on to be a book that sells hriskly in capable of working in the intelligence field is minute.

> To merge into the back ground it is essential for an

Summer school for would-be agents

agent to know, not only the language, but the customs and lifestyle of the Arah people.

The intelligence corps has therefore started summer courses for likely students who do on-site studies of Arab villages and spend up to four nights with a Bedouin tribe.

Two pre-military boarding schools run by the corps in Jerusalem and Haifa give sixmonth-long courses in Arabic and high technology to selected students and the results are considered excellent.

But they are not as good as the real thing.

Elie Cohen was born in Alexandria in 1924 and spent the first 32 years of his life in Egypt. Even be needed a cover story that he lived in Argentina for years to explain his non-Syrian Arabic accent in Damascus. An agent who has learnt Arabic only in Israel would find it even more difficult to fit in.

Obviously Jewish intelligence can still count on skilled Arabic agents in the field. The pin-point accuracy of the bombing of the Palestine Lib-eration Organization (PLO) beadquarters in Tunis last year shows that very detailed information must have been acquired on the ground.

The regular raids on Palestinian targets inside Lebanon also rely on good onthe-spot intelligence.

Beyond the needs of war are the needs of peace. The Knesset's education committee has accepted this part of the argument in setting aside \$150,000 (about £100,000) this year from the stretched budget to launch an Arabic project in schools.

Today's events

Music

Philharmonia Orchestra: Bar bican Hall, Silk St. EC2, 7.45. Endymion Ensemble; Endymion Ensemble Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore St.

London Festival Ballet, The Nuteracker, Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, SEI, 3 and 7.30. Exhibitions in progress Leicestershire Guild of Crafts

and County Museum, Catmos St, Oakham; Tues to Sat 10 to 1, 2 to 5 (ends Jan 10).

Babes in the Wood; Sittinghourse Town Hall, 2.30

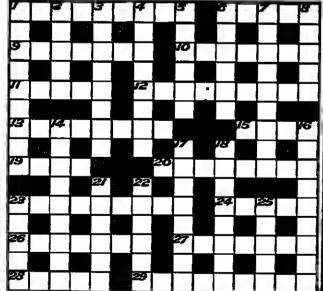
Night Watch programme; shows at 1.15, 2.15, 3.15; Mayer Guided Tours: 1.30 and 2.30:

Liverpool Museum, William Brown St, Liverpool.

Snow Queen; Regent Centre,
High St, Christchurch, Dorset,

men Christmas Exhibition; Rui-

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,240



ACROSS

1 In another country, Edward brooded (9).

6 Many keen for old City figure (5). 9 Creep in a romper-suit (7).

10 Decorarive little bird (7). II Ma not saying anything? Good Heavens! (5).

12 Gentle, in a strange way - if unrefined (9). 13 Point to new tactics in transports (8).

15 Sea-birds return with another (4). 19 Unlikely to be high (4).

20 Due a nice new house (8). 23 Everybody in the list is docile (9). 24 Dash with daughter from

wild animal (5). 26 A plan to throw out (7). 27 Old single chap is very demanding (7).

28 Place of debauchery with the French touch (5). 29 Hell - pearls squandered in

DOWN

 Lying clergyman (9). 2 A spell about to cause injury

3 Splendid paper to attack with abusive language . . .

4 . . . causing great fear? Ex-

Planetarium: Christmas

5 Lightly touched a fish on the bottom (6).

6 Gibbon's answer in support of the Scotsman (6).

7 Old she-cat, merciless to

8 Corgi got a bit of the joint

16 This sort of story can lead to

17 Shrewd point shows ingenu-

18 Rescue device on hand (8).

21 Breathe badly? Here's a

22 Paddy, taken in by pub

23 Drinks from pith helmets

25 The regions are Anglo-Saxon (5).

Solution to Puzzle No 17,239

BATS

licity, weakened (6).

Liberal family (6).

14 Dancing with a sailor

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ity (8).

Film, Volcano: The Geological Museum, Exhibition Road, SW7, 2.30.

Reflections on Peace by Sister

Sudesh, of the Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University, Charing Cross Hotel, WC2, 6.30.

Events for children

Pie Flinging and Roller Skat-ing: for under-11's; Burton Stone Community Centre, 2. me Community Centre, 2. Stuff and Nonsense Puppet Workshop; Colchester Castle, 11 and 2.15.

"The Saxons are Here": Anglo-Saxon activities for children. 10.30 and 11.30, Liverpool Mu-Children's Tour, Fact and Fantasy; Rounda, Tate Gallery, Millbank, SW1, 11.30.

Wizards of Steam, demonstration by Aubrey Tulley, Science Museum, Ex-hibition Rd, SW7, 3. Young People's Christmas lecture by Robert Swan "In the footsteps of Scon"; The Royal Society of Arts, John Adam St, WC2, 2.30.

Christmas Planetarium

Shows - The Stars at Christmas 2.30, Exploring the Planets 3.30; National Maritime Museum, Greenwich, SEt0.

On Safari at Kensington Pal-ace; 10 to 1, Seventeenth Cen-

tury Harpsichord Music, Kensington Palace State Apart-ments, W8, 2 to 4. In the Wardrobe, designing and making strange costumes; Hampton Court Palace, 10

Passport applications

In need of a passport - then apply now rather than in the spring and summer. The application forms state that a minimum period of four weeks is required but during the summer months it could take up to eight weeks to issue a passport

Application forms are obtainable from any of the Passport Offices, or from any main Post Office, except in Northern Ireland. The completed form should be sent to the Passport Office with the necessary fee, photographs, and supporting

Canned food

When you open a can of food always empty out all the contents. Keep the food that is not being used in a covered bowl in refrigerator. Do not keep food in the can because once it is opened air starts to attack the lining, spoils the food, and increases the risk of food poisoning.

7.30 Fanuastic Mr Fox; Gardner
Arts Centre, Sussex University,
Falmer, Brighton, 2.30 or 6.

Pinocchio; Gateshead International Stadium, Neilson Rd, 2
and 7.

Talks

Mice and Men, lecture with

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How to Boll an Egg, Simplé Cookery for One, by J. Aridess (Elliot Right Way Books, 21.20)
Kalt Your Own Skyscraper, by Tom Wombat (Angus & Robertson, £2.50)
Sex as a Sublimation for Termis, from the secret writings of Freud, compled and annotated by Theodor Savetsky PhO (Pagoda, £3.50)
The Aerodynamics of Pork, by Patrick Gale (Sphere, £3.95)
The Old Brown Dog, Women, Workers, and Vivisection in Edwardian England, by Coral Lansbury (University of Wisconsin, £23.50)
Wet Wickets and Dusty Balfs, by lan Miller (Hamish Hamitton, £9.95)
Whereon The Wild Thyme Blows, Some Memoirs of Service with the Hongkong Bank, by J.F. Marshall (Token, £12.95)

Top films in 1986

1 Back to the Future 2 Rocky IV 3 Out of Africa

4 Top Gun 5 Santa Claus — The Movie 6 Aliens 7 Police Academy III: E Training 8 Clockwise 9 Teen Wolf 10 The Jewel of the Nile

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11 Mona Lisa
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Roads London and the South-east: A120: Roundabout construction along Gi Stortford Rd, Gi Dunmow, Essex. A2: Road width reduced along Watling St,

The North: MI: Delays between junctions 31 and 33 (A57 Worksop/A630 Rotherham) and slip road closures at junc-tions 31 and 32 (M18). M6: Work at junction 23 (Merseyside) and contraflow between junctions 29 and 32 (A6 Preston/M55). M63: Delays between junctions 1 and 7 (Eccles

Interchange/A56 Stretford) due to work at Barton Bridge.
Wales and the west: A38:
Delays between Exeter and Plymouth due to lane closures in both directions at Haldon Hill. A38/A358: Alterations to Blackbrook roundabout near M5 junction 25 (Taunton). Scotland: A198: Temporary lights at Meadowhill junction, E Lothian, new roundabout. A92/A978: Restrictions due to roundabout construction between King St and St Machar Drive, Aberdeen. A77: Single

line traffic with temporary lights N of Ballantyre on Glasgow to Information supplied by AA

Lloyd's of London

The Lloyd's of London vis-itors exhibition is closed to the public until January 2 when the permanent display of moving pictures, sounds and models reopens at 10 am.

Anniversaries

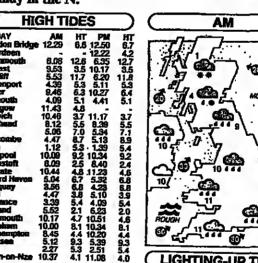
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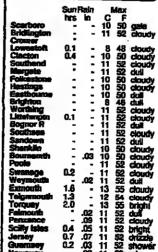
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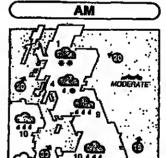
Frontal systems will affect all areas of the British Isles. Apart from the far NE, where it will be bright and showmay have a spell of sleet or snow. N Ireland, along with SW Scotland, Wales and all western counties of England will have rain at first, with extensive hill and coast fog, giving way later to colder, showery, but brighter weather. Eastern areas of England will remain cloudy and mild most of the day, with rain at times. Outlook for tomorrow and Thursday: Colder, showery westerly wind spreading to all areas. Windy in the N.



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Takeover help for **Barrow**

Barrow Hephurn, the special ehemicals and engineering company fighting a bid from Yule Catto, is buying Tor Coatings for an initial sum of around £3.1 million.

The issue of Barrow shares to Tor, representing 12 per cent of the enlarged equity, will help Barrow in its fight against Yule. Tor is not allowed to assent to any bid before December 31 1987 unless the hid is recommended by the Barrow board or unless the offer has gone unconditional with over 50 per cent accep-

fances.
The Tor acquisition was almost completed before the unsolicited Yule bid was launched, Barrow chief executive Mr Ray Way said. Tor makes anti-graffiti paint and is capable of being expanded greatly, he said.

Texas Air wins

Shareholders of the financially troubled People Express have approved a \$115 million merger with Texas Air, The approval makes Houstonbased Texas Air by far the natioo's largest airline company, and means the end of People Express, which will be absorbed into one of Texas Air's carriers, airline officials have said. People Express lost \$245.4 million in the first nine months of 1986. The vote by People Express shareholders, about a third of whom are employees, was the final hurcontrol of the pioneering cut-

Blue Arrow's **US** hat-trick

Mr Tooy Berry's fast growing Blue Arrow employment agency has chinched his third big acquisition in the United States. He is paying £10.3 million for Career Employment Services to boost his chain of temporary, permament and franchised agencies to more than 200 branches. The earlier acquisitioos inelude Temporaries Ine and Positions Inc.

Pru ADRs

Prudential Corporation is to sponsor the issue of American Depositary Receipts in the United States. It follows Prudential's £405 million acquisition of Jackson National Life.

Japan rebuff

The European Commission rejected as insufficient tax reforms which Japan hoped would defuse complaints of unfair taxation on imported wines and spirits. The Commissinn is to take its case to Gatt next mooth.

£300m claim against Government

Banks sue on tin collapse

Between them, these banks are

The TSB will be issuing a writ against all 22 member governments today and serv-

In each case the banks are

ligence and misrepresentation

however, is taking separate

legal action in its own name to

retain individual control over

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The orders are from two US

four Jetstreams represent its first use of the aircraft.

in three countries, worth

about £50 million, were also

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the BAe 125 series 800 busi-

five US companies, one of which has bought five of the

aircraft. The other two orders

are from companies in Britain

and New Zealand. It is the

first 125 sold into New Zea-

Total order book for the

125, built at Broughton near

Chester, now stands at 655

the deal was vetoed by the

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Gas's needs from the British

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Other alternatives which

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have reached 31

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Orders by seven companies

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claiming about £15 million.

A group of banks is to bring elaims of more than £300 New Zealand Bank, and million against the Government for its role in the tin crisis.

Three banks — Kleinwort Benson, Australia and New Zealand Bank and Arbuthnot latham Bank — have issued writs in the High Court against all 22 governments and served writs on the Department of Trade and Lealand Bank and Arbuthnot latham Bank — have issued Retween them, these banks are

Latham Bank - have issued writs against the Government, it emerged yesterday. They are likely to be followed by at least seven more separate legal actions taken by banks.

All the banks are creditors of the International Tin Council, which collapsed nn October 24 last year. Their action will coincide with an attempt by 11 metal brokers to recover at least £165 million in losses incurred through the closure

The banks have chosen a more direct route by suing the British Government in addition to the other 21 member governments of the ITC. · action by all the banks is On December 18, Klein- considered too unwieldy.

Aircraft orders worth £90

aircraft which promises to take it "just about past the

break-even point and into profitability," according to the

There are also more orders for its successful 125 business

jet. The 19-scat twin-turboprop

Jetstream, has been built at Prestwick, Strathclyde, for

three years. Its order book,

increased by 18, now stands at

According to British Acro-

space, during 1986 the Jetstream 31 captured 63 per cent of its sector of the

pressurized turbo-prop air-liner market.British Aero-

space is increasing production

supplies as possible from the

to create jobs in the offshore

British Gas management is

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148 aircraft.

The Jetstream 31: winning the battle of the skies

British Aerospace

wins £90m orders

By Our Industrial Editor

million announced yesterday operators, Piedmont Airlines, by British Aerospace includes which is to buy 14 Jetstreams a £40 million boost for its to add to its existing fleet of 13

Jetstream 31 light commuter and Air New Orleans, whose

further to 48 aircraft a year aircraft. Sales during this year

British Gas pressed

to buy from UK

preparing to re-open talks with they could supply all British

Before privatization British is under increasing pressure to Gas argued that it had a keep intact the country's off-

The biggest threat to the British Government is the assertion by the banks that the member governments of the ITC are jointly and severally liable for its debts.

This means that one government could be made liable for its debt.

for all the ITC's debts. The British Government could therefore have to pick up the hill for all £300 million plus, even thrugh under the terms of the sixth International Tin Agreement its share of the ITC's liabilities is limited to 4

accusing the 22 governments of breach of contract, neg-The Government has de-nied liability for the ITCs over their roles
The banks' legal proceedings are being orchestrated hy
Slaughter'& May, the solicitor,
in reduce costs. Each bank, dehts, claiming sovereign immunity and that the wording of ITA6 does not make it

Earlier this month it joined with the ITC in a High Court actinn npposing a move by 11 metal brokers to wind up the ITC. Judgment has been reserved until mid-January.



By Cliff Feltham

More than 500 investors in British Gas who sold their shares through a grey market securities dealer which was forced to stop trading by the Department of Trade and Industry will not lose their money.

The special manager put in to the dealer, Prior Harwin, to handle its assets has decided that clients whose allotment letters arrived after he moved in oo December 22 will be processed even if they had agreed to sell their shares to Prior Harwin when it was still trading oormally.

This means that investors will receive cheques or will have their allotment letters returned so they can retain ownership of the shares.

The news will come as a relief for those who had spent an uncertain Christmas in the belief that they had either lost all or most of their money.

However, a spokesman for the special manager, Mr lan Bond, of Deloitte, Haskins land although the aircraft has and Sells, the accountant, gone to buyers in 39 countries pointed out that other elients of Prior Harwin - thought to be about 3,000 - whose allotment letters arrived before December 22 must await the outcome of a winding-up petition to be heard in the

High Court in January.
The spokesman said: "It might seem a bit unfair on people who sold their shares to Prior Harwin on the same day. One person may have posted The Government is likely to argue forcefully that British billioo worth of gas from the Gas should buy as much of its Norwegian Sleipner field, but his allotment letter promptly and is now an unsecured creditor. The other may have delayed sending his letter so that it subsequently became

British sector of the North Sea Government because of its effect on the balance of an action against us which we feel we are able to settle." The rising market in British Gas shares has helped the special manager to settle the transaction without harming The Department of Energy is under increasing pressure to the position of potential cred-

itors, he added.

Meanwhile, the special manager said that investors unsure of their position should write to him at Prior

Racal pays £110m to own Vodafone By Alison Eadie

Racal Electronics is taking 100 per cent control of Vodafone, its cellular radio network, through the \$160.85 million (£110 million) acmillion.

million (£110 million) acquisition of the 15 per cent stake held by Millicom, of the United States, and the 5 per cent stake held by Hambros Advanced Technology Trust.

Sir Ernest Harrison, chairman of Racal, said yesterday that the nurchase was being

that the purchase was being made because Vodafone was "an outstandingly successful business" in possibly the fastest growing sector of electronics. Buying the outstanding 20 per cent gave Racal total flexibility in its strategy to develop its telecommunications business.

take as part payment 52 million new Racal shares worth \$130.85 million, which represent just under 10 per cent of Racal's enlarged

equity.

They must hold at least 80 per cent of the shares for one year, and they can then sell the rest only after consultation with Racal. The rest of the payment will be in cash.

Racal has increased its

operating profit forecasts for Racal-Millicom to £10 million for this year, £34 million for

City & Foreign transforms for £6m takeover

City and Foreign, part of Mr David Stevens' Montagn Investment Management group, is shedding its investment trust status as part of a £6 millioo takeover of Lan-guage School Holdings. LSH will emerge with a 51

ehain of 34 language schools, six of them in the UK, earned profits of £355,000 last year and forecasts about £760,000

Shareholders who prefer not to remain with the enlarged group will have the option to sell their shares for 95 per cent of the 135p current asset



1987-88 and £57 million for 1988-89. Interest costs each year are expected to be £10 Forecasts last January were

for operating profits of £5 million, £20 million and £37 million in the three years. Vedafoue has more than 63,000 subscribers in Britain,

or about 53 per cent of the total market. It is adding 1,000 subscribers a week, half of whom are in the South-east. Racal expects that the total British market will grow to 210,000 by the end of next year, 300,000 by the end of 1988 and 400,000 by the end of

Raeal-Millicom awarded the licence to operate service in Britain in 1983. It has since invested £110 million in establishing its Vodasone network. The opposition is provided by British Telecom's Cellnet.

The market for cellular radio has grown more quickly than expected, partly because of fierce competition by retail-ers to sell the equipment. There have been price wars with the cost of car telephones falling by up to 40 per cent last summer compared with prices a year earlier.

Ansbacher 'no loss' claim over **Guinness stock** By John Bell, City Editor

Henry Ansbacher, the merchant bank, believed its clients would be indemnified against any loss when they purchased Guinness shares from Morgan Grenfell shortly before the end of the takeover battle for control of Distillers.

The 2.1 million shares, now the subject of a dispute be-tween the two banks, were later purchased from Ansbacher's clients through an Ansbacher nominee company after the bid battle ended at prices about 50p higher than

the present market price.

Morgan Grenfell, which
acted as leading financial adviser to Guinness throughout the £2.7 billion bid for Distillers, would not comment on Ansbacher's version of events, although a spokesman denied there had been any indemnity-

Lord Patrick Spens, Ansbacher's managing director, said the arrangements had been made verbally. Much later, in October, be met Mr Roger Seelig, a director of Morgan Grenfell, to finalize matters. It is believed they failed in agree on the

"It is now just a matter of one merchant banker's word gainst another," Lord Spens said yesterday.

The 2.1 million Guinness shares concerned are involved in a hizarre wrangle over whn has actual ownership and is entitled to receive the dividend payments.

Lord Spens said be understood that when the Guinness shares were bought from Ansbacher's elients through the bank's nominee company. Down Nominees, the purchaser was Morgan Grenfell since the stamp duty was paid by Morgan Grenfell. Payment was also arranged through Morgan Grenfell.

A spokesman for Morgan Grenfell said yesterday: "At no time did we ever own the shares as a priocipal."

Oil prices Dollar falls under yen pressure By David Young Energy Correspondent

By Rodney Lord Economics Editor

The dollar came under new pressure yesterday in the wake of remarks by Mr Satoshi Sumita, the Governor of the Bank of Japan. Mr Sumita said a rate for

the currency of between 159 yen and 160 yen would be acceptable, causing the dollar to drop from Y161.95 at the previous close to about ¥159.35.

Concern about the US balance of payments figures, due tomorrow, added to the gloom surrounding the dollar. But dealers said trading was light between the two holidays at Christmas and the new year, exaggerating the pressure oo the currency.

The pound had an erratie day, falling at first with the dollar and pushing the tradeweighted index down from 69 to 68.6. Later, it found some support helped by the rising oil price and the continuing high level of British interest

At the close, sterling was 1½ plennigs down at DM2.8543 but against the dollar it was a cent higher at \$1.4675. Interest rates in money

markets were steady with three-month interbank rate at 11532 per cent.

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stay below \$18 target

Oil prices remained below the new Opec target price of \$18 a barrel yesterday, with small volumes of North Sea oil changing hands at between \$17.30 and \$17.75 a cargo.

A price boost is likely now that the three main Middle Eastern producers — Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Iran have officially told their customers of an end to net-back deals under which they supplied oil for the past year. The net-back deal tied the

price paid for crade oil by the principal refining customers to the price received for the products made.

This meant that while crude prices fell, those oil companies with refining subsidiaries in-creased profits from product

large oil buyers turned away from those producing countries not prepared to offer net-

back deals, depressing the spot price further. The three have followed the Opec directive issued on December 20 and told their clients that net-backs would end on February 1 and oil

would be sold on fixed price contracts at \$18 a barrel.

Most industry analysts expect the \$20 a barrel mark to be reached by the end of next

per cent stake in the enlarged holding firm. Further acquisitions are planned. LSH, which operates a

this year.

British Gas is considering include buying gas from Russia and Algeria. Harwin, setting nul any M&S expands out of Canada

Sparks fly in to US

Three are expected to be trading by the spring.

The plan is to use the D'Allaird's store banner from Canada, and to extend the experiment by opening M&S stores selling St Michael merchandise, probably adding, initially, about the same number of outlets.

D'Allaird's and the People's be comparatively small, with stores chain were acquired 14 about 4,000 square feet of years ago to give M&S a foothold in Canada. Only women's outerwear.

D'Allaird's uses its own label on goods. Canada has 100 it had a learning curve in D'Allaird's outlets 20 Canada where with M&S.

results in Canada had encouraged the company to make

Marks and Spencer, which n foray into the rich US has 250 stores in Canada, is market and especially the dipping a toe in the US market heavily-populated band across with four outlets in shopping the country south of the border malls in New York State. With Canada.

US sufficient space will be sought so that a wider range of goods than at D'Allaird's can be carried, including food.

In Canada mostly local

The M&S operation in Canada is based in Toronto, well within management reach, particularly of the Mid West and the north-east of the US. D'Aillaird's US outlets will

D'Aillaird's outlets. 80 Canada where, with M&S
People's stores and 70 M&S outlets it began with shops of
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M&S said yesterday n cauthen brought them back to

goods are used, and the US outlets at first are expected to be supplied from Canada, where some of Marks and Spencer's British suppliers

The drive into the US could give M&S its third key stake abroad. After Canada, the company turned to Enrope, and it has seven outlets in France with two in Belgium. 1t also has one store in Dublin. But 98 per cent of M&S

business is still in Britain where the company's latest thrust, while expanding its intown stores, is to edge-of-town developments.

Tyne & Wear,in the autumn.

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Comex \$390.40-390.90* NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Feb.) pm \$17.60bb (\$17.20)
* Denotes latest trading price

New York: \$: £1.4690* \$: DM1.9410* \$: SwFr1.6250* £: SwFr2.3826 £: FFr9.4466 £: Yen238,41 £: Index:58.9 Yen158.95

STOCK MARKETS Hong Kong:
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Sydney: AO 1467.5 (+5.2)
Frankfurt:
Commerzbank 2049.0 (+5.4)

Page 21 **INTEREST RATES** London: Bank Base: 11% 3-month Interbank 115 ie-11 ½ % 3-month eligible bills:10¹¹ ie-²¹32%

CURRENCIES

Us: Prime Rate 75%
Federal Funds 8%*
3-month Trassury Bills 5.70-5.67%*
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tions approach was being about 10,000 square feet and adopted. But it added that located them all in shopping malls.

|St Michael | have set up production to continue their link with the store chain.

For the M&S outlets in the

The first of these opened at the Metro Centre, Gateshead,

The trading pace was expected to improve from Friday's post-Christmas Iuli

817.47 and the utilities average down 1.21 at 208.26. Declining shares led advancing issues by two to one. The broader New York

Stock Exchange composite inbut analyst were generally dex slipped 0.33 to 140.81 expecting an uneventful week.

The Dow Jones industrial composite index fell 0.58 to

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Japan prepares for stern budget today

Japan will today introduce an austere budget after its most comprehensive tax revision since the war.

The Japanese await the budget as the rest of the world looks to Japan to stimulate its economy to take up the slack in the global economy.

The most important tax reform is the elimination of tax exemption on small savings and the break-up of the postal savings system which should free a large amount of savers' money which has been so important in developing Japanese industries since the

The proposed sales tax is getting 3 hot reception from the opposition, which began its attack with a series of visits by its leaders to the office of the Prime Minister, Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone.

The government has apparently abandoned its hope of ridding itself of deficit financ- are unlikely to satisfy the EEC ing in a 54,101 billion yen budget with increased treasury loan and investment programmes which will probably help to boost the domestic economy to what the gov-ernment hopes will be 3.5 per cent real growth next year,led by domestic demand. The Japanese-style value-



Yasuhiro Nakasone: under pressure from opposition

added-tax, due to be in-troduced at the beginning of 1988, is likely to put a damper on consumer spending — not that foreign imports gained much from such spending

Changes in higuor tax are of particular interest to the European Economic Community.

Under the proposals, which and which must be approved by the Diet next month, the government plans to abolish the grading system for whisky, as demanded by the EEC, by the simple method of reclassifying all domestically-produced whisky, which the EEC did not regard as such, as

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Scotch, but the tax on it will still be seven times that levied on its rival Japanese "spirits".

The Japanese government's chief tax expert, Mr Sadanori Yamanaka, a man not known for his humility, is un-repentant: "The EEC did not ask for the same monetary value but said it should be treated on an equal basis with the Japanese product... It (Japanese whisky) may continue to be a barrier to expanded sales of Scotch."

He gave this warning: "Japan is at long last awake. Japan is at long last oo its feet. And the bluff in diplomatic relations with Japan will no longer be usable...Japan became an ordinary member of the world community and will behave as such. In other words, will become a for-midable partner in any

The tax reform, which will simplify the system from 1988, is designed to be rev-enue neutral with tax cuts for corporations and wealthier individuals balancing tax increases, which include 5 per cent VAT, from which 40 items will be exempt.

The budget holds spending to just 0.02 per cent above that of the current year.

OTHER STERLING RATES

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

COMPANY NEWS

• RADIANT METAL FINISHING: Half-year to Aug31. Interim dividend 1p, payable on Jan. 16. Turnover
£733,100 (£463,937). Pretax
profit £90,125 (£174,490).
Earnings per share 4.28p
(8.59p).

MONES & CRANE: Contracts have been exchanged for the purchase of Sarjents Tool Stores. The price will be based on the net assets and will be £92,000 in cash and £200,000 in loan notes and a further • READICUT INTER-

NATIONAL: The acquisition of F Drake (Fibres) has been completed. Probate has been granted to the executors of J Hoyle who held 10 per cent of Drake's capital and this holding million in cash.

• FASHION & GENERAL

INVESTMENT: Six months to Sept. 30. Interim dividend 10p (same). Pretax revenue £311,000 (£343,000). Earnings

per share 13.8p (14.9p).

SUTCLIFFE, SPEAKMAN:
Turnover £8.55 million (£7.94 million) for the half-year to Sept. 30. Pretax profit £302,000 (£270,000). Earnings per share (fully diluted) 2.2p (nil). EUSTON CENTRE PROP ERTIES: Six months to September 30 (figures in £000). Net

revenue from properties 4,610 (4,473), interest receivable 300 (458), interest payable 988 (988), pretax profit 3,902 (3,911).

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• AJ WORTHINGTON: Half year to September 30. Turnover £1,761,000 (£682,000), pretax profit £48,000 (£49,000 loss), tax £5,000 (nil), eps 0.86 pt (1.0p loss). The group's turnover has increased as a result of the activities of WH White and Son,

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

APPOINTMENTS

HDA Forgings: Mr Peter Masters has been named as company sales and marketing director and Mr Charles Anderson director and general manager of the blade forge

Massey-Ferguson Tractors and Farm Equipment Mr John Sword is now president. Giaxo: Dr Richard Sykes has been appointed chief executive of Glazo Group Research Limited. Dr J Barrie Ward, director of microbiology, has joined the board

of Glaxo Group Research. The Union Discount Company of London: Mr WB

Carmichael becomes a dir-Redland: Mr Christopher

director in March. Harrison Industries: M Jean-Claude Canari is made a Farr Europe: Mr Don

May will become financial

Parker becomes manufacturing director. Newcastle Building Society: Mr E A Cowan has been made

deputy chief executive. Lease Management Services: Mr Alastair Lawson has been appointed joint manag-ing director and Mr David Deacon, chief accountant and company secretary, becomes a director.

Commercial Industries (UK): Mr Viv Davidson has been appointed the chairman and chief executive. Mr Andrew Brown managing direc-tor and Mr Bryan Stewart,

financial director. Allied Dunbar: Mr Allan McColville is to be executive director, oorthern region, Mr Derek Riley executive director, sales, Mr Nigel Burton, executive director, international and new projects and Mr Brian Thomas executive director, actuarial, all to take effect from next Thursday.

Morgan Grenfell: Mr G G Hill has been appointed joint managing director of Morgan Grenfell Inc, New York, with Mr K R Harris, also as joint managing director. Mr N J D Bull will be chief executive of Morgan Grenfell Australia Limited. Mr Bull and Mr W G M Michie will also become joint managing directors of Morgan Grenfell Australia. Mr Bull and Mr Michie have also been appointed to the board of Morgan Grenfell

Australia Holdiogs. Hollis: Mr Jim Ducker has been made managing director of the Solicitors' Law Stationery Society.

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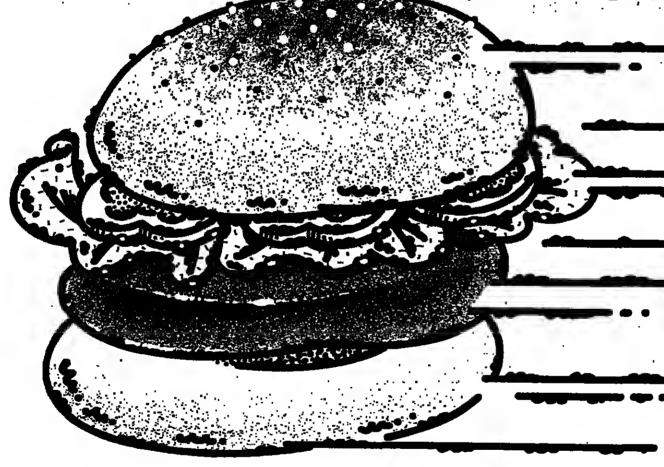
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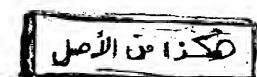
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Traders fear oil prices may fall again if Saudis unload reserves

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By Michael Clark

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Saudi Arabia is estimated to have about 60 million barrels of oil stored in tankers around the world and it could wreck Opec efforts to boost the price of crude oil if it suddenly starts to flood on to the

market. Mr Philip Kapadia, oil analyst with Raphael Zorn, the hroker, says the Saudis hope 10 sell their reserves before the market is tested to February and this, combined with a mild winter and stalemate in the Iran-Iraq war could bring the price of crude oil back to about \$15.

Earlier this month, Opec oil ministers agreed to cut production to 15.8 million barrels a day. Saudi Arabia was allocated a production quota of 4.1 million barrels. But Mr Kapadia warns that Opec's efforts might not be enough and another reduction of at least 1 million barrels a day may be required. This is likely to be bad news for oil shares which were enjoying a bout of selective support

Among the leaders, RP firmed 6p to 721p, Britoil 2p to 171p, and Shell a similar amount to 982p. Meanwhile, Mr Kapadia re-

gards the onshore operators as which owns The Financial

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Fears that Saudi Arabia may be planning to unload its huge oil reserves on the world market in the new year have led to speculation that Opec may have to consider another steady at 138p, as likely buys. The rest of the equity The rest of the equity market continued to enjoy selective support, but turn-over was pitifully thin with

many dealers and investors deciding to extend the Christmas break. The FT index of top 30 shares closed 5.9 up at 1,307.1, while the broader based FT-SE 100 added 6.5 at The stronger pound enabled government securities to score sizeable gains with prices at

the longer end of the market stretching to £%. As expected, much of the attention was focused on the steady stream of new year

 United Bisenits, the McVitie and Crawfords group, has been a duil market after the abortive merger with Imperial

Group. The shares, Ip higher at 231p bet just 14p abo the year's low, have clearly been left behind. Now brokers like County Securities believe a rally is overdue. share tips that included com-

panies such as Woolworth, up 20p at 710p, Dee Corporation, 3p to 211p, P&O 11p to 519p, Finlan Group 7p to 99p, Vickers 8p to 399p, Burton Group 9p to 287p and Brent Walker 4p to 217p. Pearson, the conglomerate

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Times and Lazard Brothers merchant bank, looks like ending the old year on a high note. The shares, which have been the source of persistent takeover speculation in recent months, surged back through the 600p level to close 12p higher at 602p - just 6p below their peak.

Once agaio, the pundits are talking of a bid for the company in the new year with Hutchison Whampon, headed by Li Ka-shing one of Hong Kong's most powerful businessmen, still topping the list of likely predators.

In September, Hutchison announced it had bought a near-5 per cent stake in Pearson, worth £50 millon, and expressed an interest in increasing its holding and creating commercial links between the two companies. At the time, Li Ka-shing said he had no interest in making a full bid for Pearson, but Pearson said it would "not

welcome any further increase in the Hutchison holding." Marketmen are oow hoping that Hunchison has change its mind about a full bid for the company and speculation been heightened in the

Pearson is regarded as a good break-up candidate and, at these levels, commands a stock market capitalization of £1.18 billion.

past few weeks by news of a big overseas buyer bidding 575p for stock outside the

The £1.2 billion battle for control of Pilkington Brothers, Britain's biggest glass producer, is intensifying. Yesterday Pilkington advanced 8p to a new high of 661p, still awaiting higher terms from BTR shortly. Pilkington now stands more than 100p above BTR's original offer with dealers anxiously awaiting details

of a hig profit forecast. Interim figures from Pilkington recently were better

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than expected and analysis have already hoisted their profit forecasts for the year from £175 million to about

However, suggestions that BTR will launch a knockout bid of 750p a share appear to be wildly optimistic and there is growing speculation in the market that its oext offer may be less than 700p a share. BTR finished 1p firmer at 269p. The closing date for the bid is January 24.

Guinness recovered from an early setback following more disclosures over the weekend about the latest twists and turns in the Department of Trade and Industry's investigation into the company's affairs.

The DTI is now looking at evidence provided by Guinness's own financial adviser,

• The recovery continues apace at First National Finance Corp. rescreed from the fringe banking crisis in 1975. Fall-year figures ex-pected on Monday should show pretax profits up from £22 million to £34 million, where the shares, unchanged at 200p, yield a

healthy 5.6 per ceut.

Morgan Grenfell, about a parcel of 2.1 million shares bought hy another merchant bank, Henry Ansbacher, at prices above the current ruling market price. At one stage, the Guinness share price came within a whisker of its low before rallying to close 9p dearer on the day at 290p following news of a successful outcome to a law suit it had brought in the US and a new year press tip.

Morgan Grenfell's own share price, which has been under a cloud since the inquiry into Guinness was anoounced, suffered a relapse, falling 9p to 384p, having hit a low of 353p earlier this mooth. That compares with the 500p the shares were floated at this summer. But Henry Ansbacher shrugged off the controversy, firming 0.5p to 84.5p.

Shareholders of Mitchell Cotts, the engineer-to-transport-and-trading group, must sull be hoping for a pros-perous new year. Tiphook, the container and trailer reotal group, headed by the ambitious Mr Robert Montague, has huilt up a near-5 per cent stake and is menuioned as a likely hidder for the remainder.

Last year Mitchell Cotts shareholders saw pretax profits of the group for the year to June plunge from £12 million to just £39,000. Mitchell Cotts ended the session 1.25p dearer at 66.25p where it is valued at

COMMENT Kenneth Fleet

Range of Guinness inquiry widening

Department of Trade and Industry's chairman and chief executive, Ernest inquiry into Guinness is beginning to Saunders, is being subjected to a covert have shape. It is fairly clear that the public relations campaign of misinspectors have concentrated on the information and damaging innuendo. nature and significance of dealings in In Scotland great pressure is being put Guinness and Distillers shares during on the two new Guinness non-executive the crucial period between March 17 directors with Scottish backgrounds, Sir

least, interesting, especially in the light tinue. Two stand out: of the subsequent purchase, after the battle had been won and lost, of the same shares by Down Nominess, a successful conduct of contested take-

price at the time. DTI inspectors went in on the morning easy. of December 1, they required access to records not only at Guinness but also at firms which were during the bid for the statement volunteered to the DTI interest of a client.

interested leaks, confessions and whom it fought a long and bloody battle. publicised statements, the The company, and in particular the

and April 18, the date when the Guinness bid for Distillers, in competition with Argyll, finally succeeded.

The sale, or placing, during the battle of some 2.15 million Guinness's principal Morgan Grenfell, Guinness's principal financial adviser at the time, with clients of Henry Ansbacher, is, to say the Guinness affair will, and should, continues times affair will, and should, continues to resign, from the Guinness board, preferably in dramatic fashion.

Judgement can be fairly made only when the inspectors have completed their report. Meanwhile, the debate on the broader issues raised by the Guinness affair will, and should, continues the continues of Henry Ansbacher, is, to say the light time. Two stand out:

First. The techniques (legal if unlikely subsidiary of Ansbacher, at a price over bids, which are becoming better noticeably higher than the the market understood, rapidly, in industry, are such that it may be questioned whether As the focus of the investigation is the fate, ie the onwership, of major narrowing, the range of the inquiry is companies should be determined by also, unavoidably, widening. When the their use. Takeovers, in a sense, are too

Second. The close relationships, partly because of their large size and limited number, between the major City Distillers advising or acting for limited number, between the major City Guinness, chiefly Morgan Grenfell, firms — merchant banks, stockbrokers, Cazenove, Wood Mackenzie and Rob. ert Fleming. The trails cannot in their ers - put enormous strains on their nature stop at any of these points - as ability to act independently in the

inspectors by Richard Fenhalls, The conflicts of interest of the kind Ansbacher's chief executive, shows. coming to light in the Guinness in-Guinness is finding itself increasingly vestigation put a question mark not isolated. Morgan Grenfell has only over individual firms but over the

Japan lays dollar low then even the Japanese talk of a lower dollar who is to gainsau them? No.

peptic foreign exchange markets. After the remarks by Satoshi Sumita, the Japanese central bank governor, that a dollar rate of Y159 to Y160 would be more than a cent higher at \$1.4680 acceptable they promptly marked the dollar down to the lower end of the sterling are the oil price and the opinion indicated range from the previous close polls. Both are going sterling's way. Oil of Y161.95.

In relatively thin markets between the \$17.60 a barrel two holiday periods the movement is pects in the new year Mr Sumita's atively sound finance and less remarks made for a decidedly weak uncertainty.

This degree of support for sterling has

tion marks another chapter in the high interest rates. If international somewhat uneven relationship of the investors feel happier with a Conser-US-Japanese exchange rate pact. So far, vative government that does not mean ems to have gained more from the deal than the US, having done monetary policy and uncertain fiscal relatively little to reflate its economy policy. What would really reassure them and enjoying a more stable dollar-yen is for Britain to become a full member of rate for its exports. But yesterday's the European Monetary System. The movement, if maintained, will make it fact that this is very unlikely leaves that bit harder for Japanese exporters. sterling more exposed than it need be.

hen even the Japanese talk of a lower dollar who is to gainsay kets the pound moved erratically, first them? Not yesterday's dys- falling with the dollar and then recover-

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The polls, too, are reassuring the probably less significant than it seems. market. The most recent evidence But combined with concern about suggests Mrs Thatcher has every chance tomorrow's US trade figures and general of being returned in the coming election gloom about American economic pros- which the markets equate with rel-

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Goliath Courtaulds needs a bigger sword to beat David

in the corporate arena as its a takeover - was apparently bid for Fothergill & Harvey known to Courtaulds clearly shows. Unless it wants this encounter, it is going to value of Fothergill without have to sharpen up its ideas. the joint venture. Some care-There is a very half-hearted ful negotiations may retain feel to its £28.2 million offer. the status quo but Cyanamid The predator is hampered may be tempted to buy out its by the fact that its shares are selling on about half the A profit forecast for prey's rating but the lack of a Fothergill for the year to straight share alternative to December 1986 of about £2.7 the cash-loan oote offer has oot won over Fothergill

shareholders. Their response last week was a unanimous thumbs down - only 0.94 per cent accepted - so the offer has been extended uotil January 30. Courtaulds owns only 0.8 per cent of Fothergill.

Courtaulds' motives are not hard to fathorn. There is industrial logie in buying into the fast-growing area of advanced materials while engineered fabrics and engineered surfaces fit well into the group's portfolio.

Both companies have been striving to move away from the vicissitudes of the textiles industry, Fothergill, helped by its size, has, however, been able to explore many more

But the strain of having to finance heavy research and development has made itself felt on the smaller company. And given the long lead time involved in developing products, decisions oo expenditure allocation have been hard to make. Esoteric academic considerations have frequently had to vie with

commercial ones. Courtaulds argues that Fothergill's style of operation would thrive within the cocoon of a larger organization. Fothergill hotly disagrees, saying its skills would wither within an organization geared to quantity rather than

The "poison pill" - a joint venture with the American company Cyanamid with the option to huy out the

Courtaulds is out of practice partner's share in the event of

Assumptions should have to be billed as the Goliath in been made, therefore, on the

million is imminent. In the new year there will be the opportunity to forecast, albeit tentatively, for the year to the end of December 1987. More than £3.5 millioo could be on the cards.

Fothergill has a promising hut disparate collection of businesses. Although the core of the company is in better shape than before, it is oot yet clearly equipped to drive the

To expect Courtaulds to inject an element of entrepreneurism may be misplaced, but the expertise presently within the Fother-gill camp should continue to flourish under the Courtanids

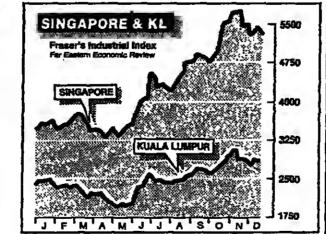
Courtaulds should not be carried away by the desire to win this battle at any cost, but it could afford to pay at least 270p without regretting its

Malaysia

Watchers of the volatile Far Eastern economies are fixing their beady eyes on Malaysia. This traditionally commodities based economy has been behaving out of character, the economy and stock market have not been reflecting the thood in the commodities market.

Commodity prices, while well below their historical heights, recovered well dur-ing 1986 but the economy and the stock market were pedestrian performers by comparison.

Although the Kuala Lum-



pur industrial index moved ahead by about 15 per cent during the year, this was a modest advance compared to the impressive showing from Singapore's stock market, which increased by more than 50 per cent.

But indications are that the imbalance will soon be

The rubber price has risen from 1.83 ringgits a kilogramme (48p per 2.208lbs) to 2.16 ringitts since the end of last year, while palm oil has moved up sharply since Au-gust from 450 ringgits a tonne (£118.26) to 700 ringgits.

Present prices are slightly below the levels achieved in recent weeks. But although they are well below their peaks of 1981 and 1984, when rubber and palm oil stood at 3.04 ringgits and 2.000 ringgits respectively, analysts are not expecting prices to drift off further.

This relative stability in commodity prices should help to underpin a recovery in the economy.

The reason given for the feeling of despondency in Kuala Lumpur is lack of confidence. Some banks have accumulated impressive portfolios of bad debts, while the property market, another indicator of sentiment, is

suffering from considerable oversupply.

In an attempt to improve matters, the central bank is believed to have been supporting the system. At the same time it has discouraged lending to anyone with less than perfect credentials.

This has had the effect of gumming up the lending channels, thus making an improvement in the ecocomic situation hard to

A change of style in politi-cal circles is thought to hold the key to the Malaysians' problems. This could come about at the governing party's general assembly in the

spring.
Mr Martin Wedgwood of
Smith New Court (Far East),
the stockbroker, believes that although some problems will undoubtedly remain, the downside in the market is limited. He expects the bounce in commmodity prices to feed through to a stronger economy and stock market next year.

The canny but brave investor, keen for a bit of oriental flavour in his 1987 portfolio, should, therefore, buy into the Malaysian market ahead of any recovery in confidence. This market is not known for dragging its heels if things look good.

Embattled tobacco industry weighs up its strategy

Industrial Editor

A fraught new year - likely to bring squeezed profit margins and the most intense marketing battle for years — lies ahead for Britain's be-leaguered tobacco industry. New pricing tactics have introduced a fourth sector to an increasingly fragmented market while increasing the possibility of an ever-widen-

ing price war.

The room for manoeuvre by manufacturers trying to seize lower pricing is also tight. This is because a substantial tax increase in the next Budget could push many premium brands over the psychologically important level of £1.50 for 20, facing manufacturers within a few mooths with a far tougher selling climate in which price will assume even more significance for the smoker.

Another key factor is a harper rate of decline in sales. In October there was an annual decline of 6 per cent, according to trade estimates. although there has been some recovery since.

But the present sales level put by many in the industry at about 4 per cent lower than ast year, is still double the rate of decline seen over the past few years. The British manufacturers

are also under pressure from cheap imports. These have risen from 7 per cent of the market a year ago to 10 per cent. Tobacco manufacturers with spare capacity, mostly West German, have been supplying mainly own-label products for supermarkets and other retail chains which have been selling at prices about 20p below the main branded cigarettes.

The manufacturers blame rises in British taxation for creating the pricing conditions in which the cheaper cigarettes are thriving. But there is also pressure from smaller British manufacturers like the London Tobacco Company and the Manchester Tobacco Company which are also

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supplying the own-label mar-ket, including Victoria Wine, the Allied-Lyons off-licence subsidiary, Britain's higgest cigarette retailer. These variously-sourced

lower price cigarettes have probably moved in a year from an overall market share of 9.5 per cent to 12.5 per cent. So far in this price war Philip Morris, maker of Marlboro, the world's best-selling cigarette, has cut 5p off its king-size pack to bring the price down to £1.45, with ower-tar brands also reduced. It has also cut 4p off a pack of Raffles, its most recently

launched brand, which had been selling at £1.44 for 20. Philip Morris, which claims 2.5 per cent share for the Mariboro and a similar share for Raffles, imposed the cuts expecting to win a bigger market share while not expecting to provoke the bigger selling brands into retaliation because price-cutting for them

Of the five best-selling ciga-rettes, Gallaher's Benson and Hedges, which has a recom-mended retail price of £1.53, has more than 17 per cent of the market, Imperial Tobacco's Superkings (£1.51 for 20) has 6.3 per cent, Gallaher's Silk Cut, market leader to lower tar. 6 per cent. Imperial's Regal king-size 5.6 per cent and Imperial's John Player Special king-size 5.4

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A full percentage point market share in the cigarette

millioo in annual sales. Imperial, part of Hansoo Trust and Britain's biggest tobacco manufacturer, however, has cut 5p off John Player Special, reducing the

price to £1.45. It says that, with a glossier pack, this is part of a relaunch strategy for the brand to bolster Imperial's overall market share which has been shrinking for several years. It. is also introducing a longerlength John Player Special at

lost its momentum. Although there are oo signs to 550. that Imperial is planning price cuts on any other brands, it is,

giveo the John Player Special market share, an aggressive move which its other main competitors will find hard to ignore.

Rothman, whose brands include Dunhill and Peter Stuyvesant as well as the Rothman label, is still considering the situation and does not expect to make a statement before the new year.

Gallaher, the second-biggest British manufacturer, says it has no immediate plans for price changes. It argues that the Imperial move does not necessarily upset the whole market.

There has already been some other price repositioning of brands as the threat of the label brands has grown. The big manufacturers have to some extent been plugging the gap between the cheap cigarettes and the main brands.

The market could end up with four distinctly priced sectors, ranging from the cheap imports and own-labels, through the Lambert and Butler segment and the new John Player-Mariboro sector to the premium brands.

If, as seems likely, the Chancellor brings in another hefty tax increase on cigarettes in the coming Budget - it was an extra 1 lp a pack last time the fear is that cheap imports

would mean the British manufacturers could be faced with

more closures and job cuts. Six tobacco factories have been closed in three years, and the Tobacco Advisory Council, the manufacturers' trade body, expects that jobs, which numbered 27,500 in 1984, are likely to be down to 20,000 at some stage next year.

Earlier this month, Imperial, which has elosed a factory at Stirling and stopped cigarette production in Glas-gow, announced a further loss Competitors see it as a gow announced a further loss marketing tactie to improve of 350 mainly administrative sales for a brand which has jobs, bringing the total of job cuts over the next 12 months

Price-cutting is bound to squeeze profit margins. This will make the manufacturers look even harder at factory capacity and workforce levels.

It is almost certain that in January they will forgo what has become almost a regular price increase, usually 2p a pack, matched by a similar increase in the summer.

It looks like a bumpier ride from now on for all the big lobacco manufacturers, leaving one big question mark oo strategy. None of the big British makers has yet moved to supply the own-label market. As things get tougher that could still come. could still come

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Takeover battles boosted the ranks of stock market front-runners

as losers slipped on lower oil prices

a year of more spectacular leaders than laggards on the stock market. Hardly surprising, given that the market is ending 1986 much higher than when it started and the FT All-Share index is

nearly back at its year's high. Top of the leaders' list is our very own News International, owner of The Times, Sunday Times, The Sun and News of the World. The restricted voting shares registered a spectacular 247 per cent gain in an extremely thin market.

The move to a high technology printing plant at Wapping in East London, shedding several thousand print jobs, helped to boost NI's profits in the half year to June 30 by 67 per cent, before taking into account the £66.3 million exceptional costs of the move. Next came Pentland Industries with a 242 per cent

advance, the second successive year of heady growth. Peotland's star performer was Reebok, a 37 per cent owned American associate which makes the Yuppies' favourite jogging shoe. It contributed 85 per cent of Pentland's pretax profits in the half year to June

Mr Alan Sugar's Amstrad ished third, after a year in which Amstrad took over the the half year to the end of June

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his has proved to be once mighty Sioclair and launched its own, hugely successful IBM compatible personal computer at a highly

competitive price. Amstrad is also part of the consortium which earlier this mooth won the Direct Broadcasting Satellite contract from the Independent Broadcasting Authority.

Several of the other winners were on the receiving end of

APV Holdings, which showed a 141 per cent gain, fought off Siebe's £220 million bid, but earned itself a rerating in the process. Its defence included a forecast of an 80 per cent profit increase in

Wedgwood was another bid beneficiary. It was taken over by the Irish crystal maker Waterford to save it from the unwanted clutches of London International Groop.

AE, which showed an 86 per cent advance, was the one that nearly got away. It fought off Turner & Newall's bid by the narrowest of squeaks, only to have the escape disallowed by the Takeover Panel. T&N rebid and outbid the rival Hollis Group.

T&N also came out of the experience well, gaining more than its prey at 103 per cent over the year. Pretax profits in

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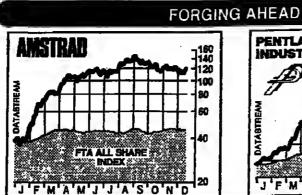
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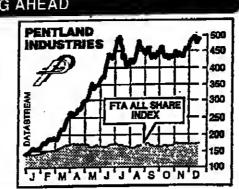
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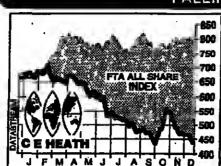
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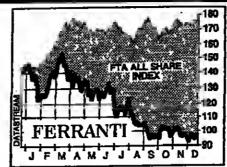
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FALLING BEHIND





rose 40 per cent, aided by a fall in asbestos claims. Other bid situations in-

cluded McCorquodale, the specialist printer taken over by Norton Opax after a hard-fought struggle; Bryant Held-ings being bid for by English China Clays; Imperial Conti-mental Gas which has found temporary respite in the Monopolies Commission from a bid by the Barclay brothers and Pilkington

Tozer Kemsley the motor trader and property Bank. developer, had a rewarding year under the New Zealander Mr Ron Brierley, who took cootrol in the middle of last year. Drastic slimming action has paid off and the acquisition of Kenning Motors, which will double TKM's turpover, has yet to be felt.

Other leaders that were out beneficiaries of bids included Brothers, the glassmaker on Abace, the rapidly expanding the receiving end of a bid from financial services group that recently sold a 12 per cent slice

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Ratners, the jeweller, was

buoyed by the takeover in July of its rival H Samuel. Blue Arrow was similarly boosted by acquisitions both in Britain and, for the first time, in America.

In the laggards list, oil companies stood out as the losers from the drastic fall in oil prices. Several blue chip companies and household names also pepper the list.

Triton Europe, the oil and gas exploration group, saw its pretax profits fall dramatically in the second half of the year to May 31. London & Scottish Marine Oil's profits also suffered from the slump in oil prices

CE Heath, the long estab-lished Lloyd's broker, managed to end the year down 35 per cent, despite attracting a hostile bid from its fellow broker PWS Holdings. Heath has been losing staff at an alarming rate. Its team of North American brokers went several months ago and this mooth 28 brokers from the international, marine and, most importantly, aviation divisions walked out to join Citicorp.

Ferranti, the electrical and electronic engineer, upset the market with an unexpected announcement last July of a fall in 1985-86 profits. Interim results announced in November failed to mollify, despite the company's optimistic noises about a record order

book and strong profit growth. Hopes of a bid, which gave some share price support early in the year, were dashed when the Monopolies Commission said no to GEC's bid for

Trafalgar House, the property, construction and ship-building group, was hit by the fall in oil prices. In the year to September it wrote off more than £100 million because of its exposure to oil and gas production and the offshore construction industry. Pretax profits only managed a 2 per

cent rise to £145.8 million. Dee Corporation, the supermarkets group, went on an extensive buying spree in America and Britain and issued 400 million shares to fund the activity. In March Dee bought Herman's Sporting Goods, the largest retailer of its kind in the US, for £278

t followed this with the acquisition in June of Fine Fare and Shoppers Paradise from Associated British Foods for £686 million. Finally, it added M&H Sporting Goods in the US for £44 million and Medicare in Britain for £20 million.

The glut of paper and fears that organic growth was giving way to acquisition-led growth have caused share price weak-

· Avana, the food manufac turing group, followed disappointing results for 1985-86 with disappointing interims to September 27, showing pretax profits only 6.5 per cent higher at £8.8 million. The company is suffering from stagnant sales in mature markets and is investigating new projects to take it out of the traditional grocery areas.

Boots, the chemist, has suffered this year despite bid speculation. The £400 million acquisitioo of Flint, an Ameri can manufacturer and distributor of prescription medicines, was not rap-turously received. The ac-quisition involved the largest ever vendor placing in Londoo and the first with 100 per cent clawback for ordinary shareholders.

The drinks and brewing group Guimess also rates as a lassard. Although it won Distillers after a bitter battle with Argyll Group, its stock has fallen after wrangles over who was to be chairman and, worse still, the appointment of a Department of Trade and Industry inquiry into the company over suspected insider

Alison Eadie

News Corp to raise £878m for H&WT bid

poration said yesterday it would raise Aus\$1.87 billion (£878 million) through the ADS-7 in Adelaide. placement of shares or notes and through a bill acceptancediscounting facility if its cash offer for the Herald and Weekly Times was accepted.

News Ltd, its wholly-owned subsidiary, is offering Aus\$12 a share cash or a scrip alternative of two News Corporation shares or two convertible notes for every three H&WT to the H&WT takeover.

The offer document said Aus\$750 million would be raised by placing 41.67 mil-lioo News Corporation shares and Bache Cortis and Carr. The remaining Aus\$1.12 billioo would be raised

through a 24-month bill acceptance-discounting facility with optional letters of credit provided by the Commonwealth Bank of Australia, the offer said. The bank planned to syndicate the facility.

News Ltd and News Corporation expect to provide the funds to service the debt from the facility from their own resources, it said. The facility would be refinanced with long-term debt and the amount outstanding would be reduced by Aus\$250 million within six months of the first drawdown, it said.

After conversion of all News Corporation coovertible ootes, the group's issued capital will rise by 16 per cent if every offeree accepts the cash or by 41 per cent if every offeree takes the alternatives of News Corporation shares or coovertible notes.

If the takeover succeeds, H&WT will sell wholly-owned

Melbourne (Reuter) - Mr licence for channel HSV-7 in Rupert Murdoch's News Cor- Melbourne, and its 59 per ceot

The Trade Practices Commission has agreed to allow News Corporation to sell

some of its media interests within specified times to meet ownership regulations. The commission has said that if it is satisfied with the sales agreements and the proposed buyers, it will not object

It is also seeking an undertaking from Mr Robert Holmes à Court's JN Taylor Holdings that it will not dispatch its proposed offer for or convertible notes under-written by JB Were and Son satisfies ownership conditions. JN Taylor, a Bell Group subsidiary, bid Aus\$13 a share with scrip alternatives for H&WT on December 24, three weeks after the News Ltd.

> Mr Holmes à Court said in Perth yesterday that he ex-pected H&WT to decide oo his takeover bid by the end of this week.

> Some market analysts believe the H&WT board may recommend both the JN Taylor cash offer and News Corporation's scrip alternative, which at present share prices place a similar value oo the H&WT group. Both offers include a choice of cash, scrip or coovertible cotes.

> Mr Holmes à Court said such a recommendation "would be consense. If there is not a clear recommendation. we are entitled to withdraw our Aus\$13 a share bid. Ifthere is, we are obliged to proceed."

Both the Taylor counter bid and News Ltd's offer are conditional on a favourable. recommendation by the Herald-Sun TV, which has the H&WT board.

New ship orders plunge

shipbuilding industry saw a 33 per cent fall in new orders in the first nine months of this year compared with the same period last year, the Organization for Economic Co-operatioo and Development said.

The OECD report showed Europe the hardest hit, with new orders dropping 73 per cent to 499 vessels, against 1,870 in the first nine months

Paris (Reuter) - The world than the 69 per cent fall. recorded in the first half of 1986, compared with the same. period last year.

Japan's oew orders dropped 19.5 per cent to 4,510 vessels against 5.604 at the end of the third quarter in 1985.

West Germany received new orders for 73 vessels, compared with 596 at the same time last year. France had 57 new orders against 251; Italy 18 against 307: and This was four points worse Britain 36 compared with 284.

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This is the time of year when wise people take the top off the Glenmorangie bottle

and talk about sport. Discuss-

and talk about sport. Discussing anything over Glen-morangie tends to hathe the subject in golden light. What was the finest sporting mo-ment of the past year? Which athlete most memorably lifted

the hearts during the past 12

The point of such discussion

is not to reach a conclusion,

but to recall and to share the

unsoiled and encomplicated pleasures that sport, more

than anything else, can bring so readily and so often.

Another log on the fire? Another drop? Why not? And

we can talk about the glorious

Dancing Brave's thundering flight to victory in the Prix de

L'Arc de Triomphe or of the joys of Willesden and the hockey World Cup and the

nice and modest hand of PE

teachers and aports goods

salesmen who so nearly won it

We can turn to Nigel Mansell, so amiable and so talented and so very Britishly

not quite victorious. And then the England football team, so

very Englishly not quite victorious against the Ar-gentinians. Lineker was sweet

(did you know he has never

been booked in his life?) but in

the end, we had to hand it to

But as I look for the one

moment to savour, I cannot

help but return again and

again to the same thing. Visual

memory is an odd thing: I can

more than one second of the

event: a grey horse suddenly breasting a fold in the ground

with an extraordinary bound-

ing elastic stride, ridden by a

dashing lady in purple. End of snapshot: but that was the

moment of the year for me.

The occasion was the Burgh-

ley horse trials, the rider, Ginny Leng, the horse, Mur-phy Himself. But already I find myself

embarrassed. How could I explain? For I am trying to communicate a kind of joy that

only horsey people know

about, a joy that no one else in

sport can truly understand.

Indeed, non-borsey people find talk about such joys

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Atkinson and Somerset cling to faint hopes of recapturing Botham

Somerset have left the door wicket against two batsmen in open for Ian Botham to reconsider his decision about leaving the county in protest over the sackings of Viv Richards and Joel Garner.

The Somerset president, Colin Atkinson, a former captain of the county side, said: During the last few weeks, Ian has spoken to both our chairman and our secretary on the phone from Australia and he is adamant he still intends

That makes it 99.99 per cent certaio he will be going But as long as there is .01 of a chance, we are not going to let down our members by pulling up the stumps while the match is in progress.

"lan's contract with us does not run out until the end of 1986. Until that happens, there is still a chance he will stay, however slight. A new contract is still on the table and still on offer to him.

If Botham does leave Somerset, he will go with a glowing reference from Atkinson, who is also the head master of Millfield, the public school in Somerset renowned for its sporting prowess. Atkinson added: "Because

of the publicity Ian Botham has attracted, a lot of people do not realize he is the sort of person who would share his last hiscuit or sandwich with

He is also the kind of cricketer who would, in the right circumstances, give up his wicket if the side had plenty of runs on the board if another batsman

needed some practice. "He is also the sort of bowler who would happily take one for 100 on a plum

SKI JUMPING

Edwards the

pioneer has

long way to go

the distance at which official

measuring starts in yesterday's practice session for today's

The 22-year-old plasterer

FOOTBALL

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Black burn v Everton (7.0); Manchester City Hull (6.45).

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Chariton v Oxford United (at Bromley FC, 3.0); Milwall v Swindon (2.0).

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE FOR

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES Coventry v Nottingham (3.0); Cross keys v Giamorous Wanderers (7.0).

OTHER SPORT

SOUASH RACKETS: Walthamstow Bulk ing Society Connaught punior open nament (Connaught Club).

TENNIS: Junior covered court chempion-ships (at Queen's Ctub, West Kensington).

HOCKEY: Women's territorial tournal (at Sherborne School, Dorset, 9.0am)

form when some other men would say, 'I don't think I'll bowl today, thanks very much. There's nothing in it for

"Ian Botham is not the sort of cricketer who thinks selfishly and looks to his



Atkinson: conciliatory

Atkinson, a 55-year-old Yorkshireman brought up in Durham, added: "One of the things lan is very good at is accepting authority.

Only on rare occasions has he had a disagreeable word with an umpire and far less frequently than most pace bowlers who tend to become more frustrated than slow bowlers because of the extra effort they put in.

"Every now and then fast bowlers come out with the odd word that they should not come out with, which is perfectly reasonable. It is a man's game, after all.

"Ian Botham has hardly ever made any more fuss about anything than any cricketer would. He just gets more attention because his name is

You ask first class umpire about him and they will tell you he has a good reputation. He 'oes not cheat. He just plays his heart out. "We do not want him to

leave Somerset. His contract with us runs out on December 31 and we still want him to stay. But if he goes, I would like to wish him all the best of luck in the future with

Rain holds key to Test result

Nagpur, India (Reuter) -The bad weather which disrupted the second day's play in the second Test between India and Sri Lanka could hold the key to the outcome of the match when play resumes today after yesterday's rest

findia, chasing the tourists' first innings total of 204. scored only 54 for one in reply on a day in which nearly four and half hours play was lost through rain and bad light. No play was possible before lunch and when the resump-

tion was announced after the interval, Duleep Mendis, the Sri Lankan captain, had an angry altercation with P D Reporter, one of the umpires, over the condition of the ground. Mendis argued that the

outfield was too slippery and after play finally started there were further interruptions when Asanta Gurusinghe refused to field in one part of the

ICE HOCKEY

Fera equals record in Racers' spree

Obersidorf, West Germany (Reuter) - Eddie Edwards, the first Briton to take part in at World Cup event, failed to reach As the Heineken League approaches half-way, Murrayfield Racers continue to dominate the premier division and two more emphatic wins, against opening contest in the anoual Four Hills series. Solibuli Barons on Saturday and at home to Whitey on Sunday, Increased their lead over Dunder Rockets to five

from Cheltenham was credited with an estimated distance of 55 Solibull led 3-1 early in the metres after he failed to reach second period but eventually the 70 metres mark at which official measuring starts. The vned Rick Fera and Tony Hand double-act too best mark was recorded by Finland's Jukka Kalso who much for them. Fera had five goals and an assist, Hand two goals and five assists. These impressive figures were nothing compared to Sunday's perfor-mance against the Warriors. **TODAY'S FIXTURES**

Fera equalled a club record with 10 goals - to which he added three assists - while Hand had four goals and six assists as the Racers won by the assists as the Racers won by the remarkable scoreline of 20-10. The Warriors, for whom Jim Earle scored four goals, could perhaps feel hard done by to scoring 10 times away from home but still finishing on the losing side.

Dundee were so dominant in their home game with Ayr Brains that their goaltender, Martin McKay, changed roles to the last period and, playing left wing, scored the Rockets' 10th

Nottingham Pauthers confirmed their status as the best team in England with a home win over Durham Wasps and an away win against Streatham Redskins. Ian Woodward saved

of the match award against the Waspe The Redskins proved tougher

opponents than the Panthers must have expected, twice leading during the first period as the teams shared six goals.

Streatham were once again without their captain, Tony Goldstone, who is still serving was Mike Roccio, suspended for the match penalty he incurred in the game against Solibull. While Murrayfield dominate

the top of the table, Cleveland Bombers are to danger of losing touch at the bottom. Outshot 56-17 at Fife, they are still looking for their second win.
Solihuli Barons are not doing
much better and, although,
Brian Puhalski, who scored four times at Durham, seems a valuable acquisinon, he needs belp. Wasps' win took them above Ayr into fourth place. In a relatively light holiday programme, there was only one match in the first division but it

match in the first division but it was enough to allow Irvine Winga, following their win over their local rivals, Glasgow Eagles, to hand over bottom place to Swindon Wildcats.
RESULTS: Preview division: Fite Plyers 12. Chromand Bombers 2. Notingham Partners 7. Durtom Waspe 3. Solinul Barons 6. Murrayfield Racers 11: Durtom Rockets 12. Ayr Bruns 1; Durtom Waspe 13. Solinul Bours 5; Murrayfield Recers 13. Ayr Bruns 1; Durtom Waspe 13. Solinul Bours 5; Murrayfield Recers 20, Whitley Warriors 10; Strasthum Redstans 6, Notingham Partners 9. First division: Irvine Wings 8, Glesgow Eagles 5.

she sublimated these appetites to some extent by riding borses, but not entirely . . ." Ho ho ho, jolly original and

irritating, nonsensical, af-fected. For the townee, hor-

seyness is no more than a target for traditional jokes: I

recently read in a thriller that

"she was a tall, buxom young woman of narrow intelligence

and lusty appetites. Since her

husband was rarely at home

amusing, I'm sure. There is an enormous gap of understanding between the horsey person and the townee. It is a mutual failure of the imagination: the townee cannot imagine what it is like to be involved with a horse, and horsey people can-pleted her dazzling cross-not imagine what it is like not country run on Murphy

Togetherness: Leng and Murphy Himself welding a winning combination at Burghley

Ginny Leng and Murphy Himself combine to produce all that is best in sport

A purple patch of pure pleasure

The result is that horsey people tend to close ranks, once the outsiders guffaw and scoff, and nurture something very like hostility. You have only to watch drivers passing horses on the road to be mite sure about that. The horse world is a tight and closed one. But so is the world of motor sport, and that attracts nothing worse than indifference. Perhaps this is because everyone has cars, and so everyone has some understanding of car nuts. But today no one has horses except horse outs. After Ginny Leng had com-

own dizzy standards, and she gushed and gushed and said again and again how pleased she was for the horse. The townee might have thought this performance Indicronsly

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THIRD DIVISION

Blackpool v Brentford

over-the-top. Only those who have been let toto the secret, who have known themselves some of the vast joys that horses can bring, would understand that her behaviour was incredibly restrained, a masterpiece of understatement. a triumph of self-control. In her heart she wanted to turn cartwheels and whoop and

country run on Murphy Himself, she was ecstatic. She

looked radiant even by her

cheer and weep and drink champagne from the bucket: instead she smiled and said she was pleased for the horse.

Non-horsey people have an idea that riding horses is about domination. It is not. It is about co-operation. If the understanding between horse and rider is not a two-way thing, you neither do any good nor have any fun. The ulti skill of any person involved in any of the horsey sports whether race horse trainer, jockey, show jumper, dressage specialist or eventer - is to understand exactly how much the horse is capable of, then to bring out that ability on the chosen day.

Ginny Leng has done this again and again. In the year just ending, she became world champion with Priceless, and showing a great sense of style, promptly retired the horse to a life of pleasure and indulgence. She then went on to win Burghley with the young, in-experienced and boundingly eager Murphy Himself. As a personal achievement, this was immense. The original selection of the horse, the long process of training and the riding of the horse on the day all demonstrated that Ginny Leng is the greatest.

But that was not why Ginny was filled with delight. The pleasure was that her horse her partner, had shown all the straight-running courage and spring and genuineness she bad believed he possessed She was rejoicing not in her own achievement, but to what the horse had given to her. It is a purer and more complete joy than any of the many joys that sport can bring.

In the course of writing these lines, it is just possible that I may have revealed my own hias in favour of horses and horsey people. But one of the great things about people like Ginny is that they are able to break the barriers and communicate the joys of the horsey world to outsiders and townees. Her achievement and her nature pass on something of the boundless pleasures that horses can, in their bounding generosity, give to people.

That is why Ginny Leng gets the vote as my own private Sportsview Personality of the Year. In second place comes Murphy Himself. Now, pass the Gleamorangie, and if you have another three hours to spare, I'd like to tell you about my own horse . . .

SCOTTISH PREMIER

SCOTTISH FIRST

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

Redskins kicked out of hock

The coach of a National Football League club recently called Eric Dickerson "a touchdown waiting to happen." On

Sunday, Dickerson more closely resembled a disaster waiting to happen - and the wait was not long. Dickerson fumbled three nmes and the Los Angeles Rams coughed up the ball six times as the Washington Redskins won the National Football Con-ference wild-card play-off game

In the American Football Conference wild-card game, the New York Jets rebounded from the Kansas City Chiefs 35-15.

"The good news is we won," Joe Gibbs, the coach of the Redskins, said. "The bad news is we have to go to Chicago." In advancing to a divisional semifinal against the Chicago Bears, the Redskins relied on a resuscitated defence and Jess Atkinson. who two weeks ago was training to be a loan officer for a

mortgage company. Presum-ably, Atkinson's colleagues in high finance smacked their lips at the efficiency of his foreclosure on the Rams as he kicked four field goals.

Washington's low-ranked de-fence intercepted Jim Everett, the Rams' quarterback, twice.

Dickerson, who led the league in the regular season with 1,821 yards on 404 carries, gained 158 yards on 26 runs on Sunday, but his fumbles were critical. The Rams have not defeated the Redskins since 1974.

The Jets changed quarterbacks and returned to their early season form. Pat Ryan, who started in place of the ineffective Ken O'Brien, threw three touchdowo passes and the New Yorkers shifted their emphasis to short passes and runs by Freeman McNeil, who gained 135 yards and scored twice.

New York Jets 7 14 7 7 - 35 Kansas City Chiefs 6 0 0 9 - 15

SCORING: First quarter: Kansant Chy: J Smith. 1yd run (lock falled), 6min 59sec elapsed. New York: F McKell, 4yd run (P Lashy lock), 4:14. Second quarter: New York: F McKell, 1yd pess from P Ryan (Leeny kick), 5:48. A Toon, 11yd pess from Phyan (Leahy kick), 14:01. Third quarter: New York: K McArthur. 21yd Interception return (Leeny kick), 0:3. Fourth quarter: Kansans Chy: A Lewis, recovery of blocked purt in end zone (Lowery kick), 0:14. New York: W Grogs, 6yd pess from Ryan (Leeny kick), 4:11. Kansens Chy: D Jennings ran out of end zone tor salety. Attendance: 69,307.

NFC wild-card game Wash'n Redekins 10 3 3 2 - 19 Los Angeles Roms 0 0 0 7 - 7

SCORING: First quarter: Washington: J Atterson, 25yd field goal, 6:01. Washington: K Bryant, 14yd pass from J Schroeder (Addreson kick), 12:34. Second quarter: Washington: Atterson, 20yd field goal, 13:35. Third quarter: Washington: Attenson, 38yd field goal, 12:03. Fourth quarter: Lou Angeles: K House, 12yd pass from J Everett (M Lansford lick), 0:09. Washington: Abtrison, 16yd field goal, 14:00. Attendance: 54,180.

Division semi-finals

SATURDAY: APC: Cleveland Browns v New York Jets. MFC: Chicago Bears v Washington Redslors. SUMDAY: AFC: Denver Broncos v New England Patriots. NFC: New York Gients v Sen Francisco Geors.

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mas lottery.

In the money

Martin Flook, a self-made millionaire and the former chairman of third division Bris-tol Rovers, is £25,000 richer after winning the club's Christ-

Law Report December 30 1986

Pending trial in libel action not sufficient to postpone statement in court

Before Lord Justice Nourse and Lord Justice Ralph Gibson [Judgment December 11]

Parties who had made a boua fide settlement of a libel action and sought leave to make a statement in open court might expect to be allowed to do so unless some sufficient reason appeared on the material before the judge why leave should be refused. The judge had to have regard to the interests of all the In the instant case the judge

had come to a correct conclu-sion in directing such that a statement should be made pursuant to a settlement between the plaintiff and the second defendant in respect of the publication in the second defendant's journal of an alleged libel to a letter from the first defendant before the trial of his action since the making and publication of the statement would not prejudice the trial of his action and was not defama-

The Court of Appeal so held. dismissing an interlocutory appeal hy Mr Brian Crozier, the first defendant in a pending libel action brought against him and against Spectator Newspapers (1928) Ltd, the second defen-dants, by the plaintiff Mr Rich-ard Jackson Barnet, from Mr Justice Tucker who approved and directed the making of a statement in open court pursuant to an agreed settlement of the action between the plaintiff

and The Specialor.

Mr Crozier sought to postpone the making of the statement until after the conclusion of the trial of the action.

the newspaper had come to terms with the plaintiff and Mr Roger Buckley, QC and Mr Richard Walker for Mr Crozier, Mr Patrick Milmo, QC

and Mr David Parsons for the plaintiff; Mr Mark Warby for The Spectator.

LORD JUSTICE RALPH GIBSON said that the plaintiff had helped to found the Institute of Policy Studies (IPS) in Washington in 1963 and was a co-director. He had written a number of books.

One. Allies: America and Jo-pan since the War, was pub-lished in this country in April 1984. A review was published in The Spectator on April 7, 1984. The review prompted Mr Cro-zier to write a letter to The

His letter referred to the plaintiff as a mainstay on the IPS and to the IPS as a "front of

Cuban Intelligence, itself controlled by the Soviet KGB".

The plaintiff issued a writ and in his statement of claim asserted that the words complained of meant that were inderstood to mean that be was the mainstay of and knowingly helped to run an institution which pretended to be bona fide but was in fact a front for covert operations by Cuban Intelli-gence at the instigation of the Soviet KGB.

In his defence Mr Crozier, who was a journalist of distinction and a writer on toter-national affairs, denied that his was defamatory and that the letter bore the meanings alleged. He also asserted that the

words in the letter were true in substance and in fact. He gave many particulars in support of that plea of justification.

The Speciator pleaded a similar defence relying on substantially similar particulars of justification as Mr Crozier but

wished to settle the action.

ment The Speciator would join in making a statement in open curt to the effect that The Speciator accepted that neither the plaintiff nor IPS was a front for Cuban Intelligence and that neither was controlled by the KGB. An agreed term of the ettlement was that the terms of the statement to open court would also be published in The Spectator. The proposed statement was submitted to Mr Justice Tucker

Under the terms of the settle

who on November 27, 1984 approved its terms and directed that it be made in court at an early date. Mr Crozier opposed the making of the statement until after the conclusion of the trial of the plaintiff's claim against him on the ground that against him on the ground that the making of the statement and the reporting of it were cal-culated to prejudice that trial and were defamatory of him. He appealed to the Court of Appeal

to set aside the judge's order. His Lordship referred to the established practice of the courts over many years when a libel action had been settled to permit counsel for the parties to make statements in open court which had been agreed between the parties and approved by the judge. His Lordship said that the importance of making the statement in open court was that it was likely to come to the attention of the press and since the statement was part of a judicial proceeding it was made on an occasion of absolute

privilege.
The procedure offered means by which settlement of an action could be reached and, when appropriate, announced in appropriate terms between two parties without risk of further litigation arising out of that

sued in a defamation action even if one won in the end. In his decision the judge had said that balancing the interests of all the parties this was not a sensational case and none of the parties was famous or notori-ous. He did not think that a statement made in open court to November 1986 would have the slightest effect on a trial taking place in March to May of June 1987. Potential jurors would be unaffected. Any publicity result-ing from such a statement would

It was a grievous burden to be

have passed out of their minds long before the trial. He took the view that it was right that the statement should be allowed to he made forthwith. His Lordship said that the Court of Appeal had given Mr

Crozier leave to appeal. The judge's reference to the date of trial had not been shown to be

lt was said that the acceptance by The Spectutor that the IPS was not a front for Cuban Intelligence directly contra-dicted Mr Crozier's letter and what, in his plea of justification, he would be seeking to prove. He submitted that the publication of the apology and the statement would directly affect the issue to be tried and would create a risk of prejudice:

that save in exceptional circum-stances it would be wrong to permit the making of such a statement before the trial and it was the party who sought to make the statement to show good reason wby it should be His Lordship said that there was no reported authority upon the issues raised in the appeal.

The practice of making statements in open court had certainly existed before 1920: see

Sievier v Wootton (The Times February 13, 1920), cited in Gatley on Libel and Slander, 8th edicon (1981) paragraph 1179, In 1933 there were changes to the rules. Observations by Lord Justice Greer in Wolsey v Asso-

ciated Newspapers Ltd [[1934] 1 KB 448) and by Lord Justice Lawton in Church of Scientology of California v North News Ltd (unreported, May 17, 1973) were of assistance. The court was not there dealing with a case in which the interests of the defendant who had not taken money out of court or who had not settled the case against him required to be considered.

Nevertheless, looking at those authorities, it seemed to his Lordship that an opportunity to make a statement in open court was thus seen more than 50 years ago as something that was an incident, or part of the an incident, of part of the available procedure in a defamation artion which the plaintiff at least was entitled to expect to be available to him, provided that the terms of the statement were approved by the judge and that there was nothing in the case which made it unfair

ment to be made.

The present rule, Order 82, rule 5 of the Rules of the Supreme Court, which derived from the previous Order 22, rule 2 introduced in 1933, provided for the making of a statement in open court with the leave of the judge, both when there had been acceptance of money paid in and when the action was settled before trial without payment

to another party for the state-

The judge was right to regard the settlement of proceedings as a public good which the court should encourage and facilitate if, having regard to the interests

of all the parties, it was right and be a substantial risk of serious just to do so Although a party had no right to make a statement in open court upon which he could insist

if the circumstances were such that the judge could not in his discretion approve that course, it seemed to his Lordship that parties who had made a bona fide settlement of a defamation action and asked leave to make a statement in open court might expect to be allowed to do so. unless some sufficient reason appeared on the material before the judge why leave should be refused to them.

By saying that he did not regard either party as having a burden of proof; while acknowledging that it was destrable for a settlement to be facilitated, the judge meant that he had to have regard to the interests of all parties; but, if there was no sufficient reason to refuse it, a plaintiff who had reached a settlement with a defendant should be allowed to make an approved statement. The judge was right in his approach.

As to prejudging the fair trial of the pending action by the making and reporting of the proposed statement, the judge was right to his conclusion and the reasons he gave.

Counsel for the plaintiff and for The Spectator had pressed the court that the test for proof of prejudice to the trial of the e between the plainuff and Mr Crozier was that laid down in section 2 of the Contempt of Court Act 1981. They had argued that it would be irrational to have any stricter or other test so that the court should only decline to approve the making of a statement in open court if there was shown to

BEST DRAWS: Southempton, Millwell, Chesterfield, Dunder, East Fife.

HOMES: Leeds, Plymouth, Fulham, Swin-don, Walsell, Wigan, Cardiff, Hereford, Celtic, Hearts, Ardrie, Dumbarton.

for to be taken into account at all in the ballancing exercise which he set himself to carry out.

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of the prejudice threaten judge did oot mean that, if there was any real risk of prejudice, the making of a statement had, that approach right. His Lordship said that on the

facts the judge was right in taking the view that the making in March to June of 1987. If there should happen to be nature of the settlement.

any jurors who noticed and The court should be to

any jurors who noticed and The court should be vigilant remembered any report of the to see that the benefit of the probability was that they would on that the words could not be shown to be true and had, therefore, to be acknowledged to Speciator's opinion had to dictate their opinion or that Mr

Crozier must be wrong.

They would listen to the The Speciator did not suggest the possession by them of any information tending to discredit

As to the defamatory nature of the terms of the statement, he His Lordship did not accept did not accept that the absence lat submission. Mr Justice of reference to the issue of that submission. Mr Justice of reference to the issue of Tucker had said that there had defamation meant that the judge to be a real risk, not shadowy or did not consider it. The explana-

The weight to be given to it troubled by that part of the case. would depend on the seriousness of the risk and the gravity been driven to the conclusion that at any risk of defamation of Mr Crozier was not such as to to make the statement. for that reason alone, to be His Lordship was not per-refused. His Lordship thought suaded that the statement was

defamatory of Mr Crozier. If there was any real risk of the publication being injurious to Mr Crozier because defamatory of the statement would not have of him, the extent of any injury the slightest effect upon a jury likely to be caused to him would trial of those issues taking place be negligible. There was no

very great procedure of making a statement in open court was not used think that The Spectator had to the unfair disadvantage of a concluded or formed the opin-There would, no doubt, be cases in which, on balancing the interest of all the parties, where

therefore, conclude that The und in the action after a settlement by the plaintiff with one or more of them, the court would conclude that the facts were evidence and make up their own statement had to be postponed minds on what they heard in until after the trial of the court. The opinion formed by remaining issues. remaining issues.
The judge held that this was not such a case

Lord Justice Nourse agreed Mr Crozier or any primary evidence he had to lay before the & Partners; Bindman & Bind

Encouraging signs that Morning Line is ready to collect for Kennard

Les Kennard is always a force to be reckoned with at Taunton, his local course, and he can provide the day's best bet there with Morning Line in the Castle Green Printers Handicap Hurdle

Although Morning Line's form figures look disappointing they obscure evidence of a horse improving with every run. It has taken some time for him to come to peak fitness, and even on his third outing he was still considered backward in condition.

However, his last two starts have offered every encouragement of a much bolder showing very soon. In his penultimate race he finished about seven lengths seventh to the promoted Whither Thou Goest in a highly-competitive handican hurdle at Worcester, and last time, when amateur ridden, he was a close fifth to Master Cone at Chepstow, weakening only in the closing

stages.
That Chepstow race was over 21/2 miles and as Morning Line has always shown his best form at around two miles today's trip should be ideal for

Another reverting to a more suitable distance is Atataho in the Somerset County Gazette 150 Handicap Chase. He began the season with a comfort-able win at Worcester over two miles but he seemed to find the near 24 miles at Towcester, a particularly testing track, beyond him.

12.45 True Spartan

Going: good to soft

and over this 2m If trip can beat Kennard's Doubleton, who is penalized 7lb for winning at Devon & Exeter.

French Flutter was an ambitious entry for a IR£10,000 race at Leopardstown on Box-ing Day. He did not run but if he is anywhere near that standard he should have no trouble winning the second division of the Holly Tree Novices' Hurdle.

Royal Cracker is due a change of fortune and it may come in divison two of the Midnight Novices' Hurdle at Worcester. He was an encouraging second to the promising newcomer Positive at Nottingham and then had little chance against the winner when beaten by Special Vintage at Catterick Bridge.

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2.15 Brown Trix

. J D Doyle (4) --- 25-1

H Hawke (7)

C Liewellyn (7)

- 7-1 - 25-1 - 4-1 - 14-1 - 14-1

— 18-1 — 20-1 — 14-1 — 16-1

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R Hyett

D Browne
J Phelan (7)
P Scudemore

... C Smith

WORCESTER

Selections

By Mandarin

Michael Seely's selection: 1.15 Hiz 3.15 Pride Hill

PARMY'S LUCK (11-0) never threatened the leaders, but should improve on a 9th to Regal Steel (11-0) at Luciow (2m, £885, good, Nov 26, 17 ran), MAUNDY BOY (10-10) is another who should come on for a 7th to High Plans (11-0) at Leicester (2m, £1748, soft, Dec 15, 22 ran). TRISE SPARTAN (11-0) never had a serious cruilerager when making all at Warwick test Saburday (2m, £980, good to soft, 18 ran) besting Great Aunt Sally (10-9) St. NY PURPLE PROSE (10-2) was never dangerous after a first fence blunder when 8th to Doyle's Express (10-10) at Devon (2m 11, £720, soft, Dec 5, 17 ran). VILLACANA (10-6) needed the run when 18t 4th to Disc's Folly (10-11) at Warwick (2m, £1167, good, May 24, 12 ran).

Selection: TRUE SPARTAN

FORM BROAD BEAM (11-9) back to something near his best when 3rd to French Captain (10-13) at Chepstow (2m 4f, soft); earlier (10-9) just over 5l 3rd to Little Bay (12-7), with 77:E WELDER (10-7) another 10t back in 4th at Uttoxieler (2m, 22:445, good to firm, Oct 23, 7 ran). On penultimets start THE WELDER (11-7) 10:43 at to Savern Sound (10-0) with OAKOANO JASON (10-3) tailed off in 7th at Stratford (2m, 22:177, good, Nov 6, 8 ran). HtZ (10-6) not fully extended to beat Bright Morring (11-2) 10i at Lingfield (2m, soft); earlier (11-6) best Severn Sound (11-1) 12, with OAKOANO JASON (11-7) a weet beaten 3rd at Worcester (2m, 21724, soft, Nov 19, 5 ran). ADARE (11-9) test successful when beating Shamile (10-0) a short head at Donaster (2m, 21185, good, Dec 12, 5 ran). MATRIEDEE has fallen twice shore (10-0) beating Latin American (11-2) at The Company of the Compan

1.45 CELEBRATION SELLING HURDLE (4-Y-O: £897: 2m 2f) (8 runners)

RALEIGH GAZELLE (R Newton) W G M Turner 10-9

004F-30 WARRIOR UNICLE (C) (Mrs E Robinson) D Robinson 11-7 Mr O Robinson PF CHARLE BURTON (G Jones) G Jones 11-0 R Attions OP ITS A LAUGH (M Pipe) M Pipe 11-0 R Attions OCO SITTING BULL (C Donovan) J Jankins 11-0 D Williams 11-0 D Williams 11-0 D Williams 11-0 M Bowlby (G Jones D LA CHARMIT (Top Industrial Mig Ltd) P Davis 10-9 M Bowlby (G JONES DAY (M Belifield) Mrs O Oliver 10-9 D D Dogges As IT SALE FIGH GAZELLE (R Newton) W G M Turner 10-9 A Sharpe

1.15 AULD LANG SYNE HANDICAP CHASE (£1,707: 2m) (8 runners)

12.45 MIDNIGHT NOVICE HURDLE (Div I: £1,074; 2m) (15 runners)

48 U ONLY TROUBLE (T Houtbrooke) T Houtbrooke 5-1 51 0000/03- VELLACAMA (Mrs D Onlons) Mrs D Onlons 7-10-9.

USP/ BASIL THYME (W Donobue) M Castell 3-11-0....

This opposition looks rather less fierce and he can take advantage of the hefty 10lb allowance from Bangor winner The Mississippian, while the National Hunt Flat race winner Pride Hill is untried over hurdles.

Brown Trix is still not footperfect over fences but he will get few better opportunities than in the New Year's Eve Handicap Chase. He was still in contention when unseating his rider three fences out in the Towcester chase won by Greenbank Park earlier this

The best of the limited opposition, both nomerically and in ability, may be Bashful Lad, a course and distance winner.

Whatever the fate of Bashful Lad, his trainer Michael Oliver can win the Father Time Novices' Handicap Chase with the consistent New Song. He was beaten only a short head by Turkana at Wolverhampton last month and later ran respectably when last of three finishers behind Tarqogan's Best in a better race at Haydock.

Mr Candy can make his abundant stamina count in the Racing Post Handicap Chase at Plumpton. He was fourth to Steel Yeoman over the course and distance earlier this mooth, a much stronger race than today's, and should hold another dour stayer Delator, 8 winner at Plumpton



Ian Wardle's Delator, the winner of the Peter Cazalet Memorial Challenge Cup Chase at Plumpton earlier this season, will have his favourite soft ground when he returns to the Sussex course for today's Racing Post Handicap Chase

Guide to our in-line racecard

103 (12) 8-0432 TRIESFORM (CD,BF) (Mrs J Ryley) 8 Half 9-10-0 __ Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure and distance winner. BF-besten favourite in latest form (F-fell. P-pulled up. U-unseated rider. B-brought down. S-afpped up. R-refused). Home's name (B-binkers. V-visor. H-hood. E-Eyeshield. C-private Handicapper's rating. Approximate starting price. 2.15 NEW YEARS EVE HANDICAP CHASE (£2,323; 3m) (5 runners)

8 P21-16F MEISTER (C) (A Gration) J Old 8-11-7
12 11F/42-U BROWN TRIX (C Cronin) F Winter 8-11-1
15 122043 BASHFUL LAD (CO.DEP) (Mrs F Parkes) M Oliver 11-10-6
17 F02P-04 DINGBAT (C) (T Raggett) Mrs S Devenport 10-10-3

FORM MESTER (11-4) best judged on seasonal debut when beating Maggle Dec (10-7) 154 at Newton Abbot (3m 21, 23584, soft, Nov 25, 4 ran). BROWN TRDX (10-12) soft in with a chance when unseason (10-7) finished 312nd to Greenwood Lad (12-6) at Huntingdon (3m, 22716, good, Nov '85, 3 ran). BASH-FUL LAD (11-8) held from 3 cut when 20 3nd to Cusensway Boy (10-10) at Uttoweer (3m 21, 22272, good to soft, Nov '35, 3 ran). BMSH-FUL LAD (11-8) held from 3 cut when 20 3nd to Cusensway Boy (10-10) at Uttoweer (3m 21, 22272, good to soft, Nov '31, 5 ran). DINGBAT (11-4) looked to be returning to best when 10-34 4th to French Captain (10-13) at Chepstow (2m 4f, 22264, soft, Dec 20, 16 ran). BROWN'S STAR has yet to complete this season, on final outing of lest term (11-7) was 33/14th to Camp Dunphy (11-0) at Folkestone (3m 21, £1743, soft, Apr 29, 10 ran). Selection: DINGBAT (11-7) was 33/14th to Camp Dunphy (11-0) at Folkestone (3m 21, £1743, soft, Apr 29, 10 ran).

2,45	FATHE	R TIME NOVICE HANDICAP CHASE (£1,932: 2m 4f) (10 runners)	
1	00/	BRASSEYS COPSE (Miss J Horwood) Miss J Horwood 7-12-12	33-1
2	10-2012	GOLD TYCOON (D.BF) (C Woolford) J Spearing 7-12-7 (7ex)	89 7-2
8	084000-	POLISH (R Brookhouse) J Spearing 8-10-7 P Dever	— 7-1
9	2F-3F23	NEW SONG (J Sanders) M Oliver 7-10-5	23 11-4
10	30-3	LLANPADRIG (Lord Mostyn) N Henderson 3-10-4 M Bowley (4)	90 F2-1
13	UO-0000	ASMID (B) (Mrs J Chadwick) Mrs J Chadwick 7-10-2 M Booley (4)	94 13-1
21		BELLIVER PRINCE (Carl & Co Ltd) J Baker 6-10-0	
22	PG/0800	GENERAL BREYFAX (J Gilo) M McCourt 8-10-0 M Richards	89 12-1
23	D/000U3-	EXCLUSIVE FOX (Exors of the fate J Morris) Miss P Morris 6-10-0 C Swith	92 16-1
30	P00-30F	ROVING GLEN (Mrs L Dresher) R Armytage 5-10-0	14-1

1 TUTINI: O), with SELLIVER PRINCE (11-4) who blundered badly 2 out 15 bask in 3rd at Newton Abbot (2m 5f, 83277, heavy, Dec 26, 13 ran). NEW SOM3 (10-12) no headway from 2nd last when 9 3rd to Tarqopan's Best (10-12) at Haydock (2m 4f, 22337, good to sort, Dec 10, 5 ran), LLANPADRIG (10-12) ran on from the 3rd last to finish 111 fart to Larry-0 (10-12) at Hereford (2m 4f, £1790, good to sort, Dec 2, 11 ran), SELLIVER PRINCE (11-5) last successful when beating Final Clear (11-6) 13d at Newton Abbot (2m 5f, £1958, good to firm, Aug 14, 0 ran), GENERAL BREYFAX (11-3) 3915th to Kouris (11-3) at Towcester (2m, £1258, good to soft, Dec 13, 15 ran), EXCLUSIVE FOX (10-0) ended last season with a 53d 3rd to Fifth Column (10-0) at Warwick (2m, £1024, soft, Apr 18, 13 ran).

3.15 MIDNIGHT NOVICE HURDLE (Div II: £1,001: 2m) (7 runners)

1	01	THE MISSISSIPPIAN (J. Abbey) M. Eckley 0-11-10.	88	9-2
5	0-02	BULLY'S BRIDGE (P Madigan) J Jenkins 5-11-0	98	3-1
7		CHEISTIAN SCHAD (Miss M Pratter) O O'Neil 4-11-0 A Webb	99	7-1
17	13	PRICE HELL (Mrs B Cittins) D Barons 4-11-0 P Nicholia	_	
18		REMEDY THE MALADY (J Beasley) M Robinson 5-11-0		20-1
Ō	0/P2-022	ROYAL CRACKER (Harlow Bros) T Bit 5-11-0 R Creat	92	3-1
			_	25-1

FORM THE MISSISSIPPIAN (10-7) only needed to be pushed clear at Bungor (2m 4f, 2996, soft, Dec 8, 17 ran) beating Hill Beagle (10-10) 77. BRLYS BRIDGE (11-4) handled the heavy ground well when 151 2nd to Musical Mystery (11-6) at Followstone last time (2m 110), 2894, Dec 18, 15 ran). CHRISTIAN SCHAD'S best effort least year was at Chellembern (11-0) when 101 2nd to Tangograt (11-0) with the 3rd 201 further back (2m, £4188, soft, Jan 1, 11 ran) but disappointed subsequently, PRIDE HELL (11-2) has run in two N.H.Fetraces, most recardly when 3%1 ard to Redmarley (10-9) at Donesster (2m 150), £925, good, Dec 13, 18 ran), ROYAL CRACKER was prominent when carried out at Warnick last Saturday, previously ran a good race when (11-0) 101 2nd to the potentially useful Special Vintage (11-7) at Catteriok (2m, £985, good, Dec 17, 14 ran).

	TRAINER			peciali	JOCKEYS		
J Jenkins F Winter J Spearing	Wirmers 32 11 13 12	Runners 131 52 72 67	24,4 21,2 18,1 17,9	P Scudamore H Davies	Winners 38 30	Rides 236 203	Per Cen 16.1 14.8
Mrs M Rimell	12	110	. 10.1		Only two qualifier	18	

PLUMPTON

Selections By Mandarin

1.00 Flower Of Tintern 1.30 Solent Breeze

2.30 Prince Satire 3.00 Manston Marauder

Michael Seely'o selection: 1.00 ICKWORTH (nap) The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.30 PRINCE SATIRE

Going: soft

ran). Selection: TRACK MARSHALL

1.0 HEATHFIELD NOVICE HURDLE (£703: 2m) (18 runners)

1.0	III-MIII	ILLD NOTICE HONDLE (2703. 2/1) (10 IUMBIS)	
3		ANOTHER BING (Mes B Patching) A Moore 4-11-0 Centy Moore (4)	14-
7	P-02225	CANUCK CLOWN (J Bird) A Moore 5-11-0 G Moore	●99 3-
11		DUKE OF ARUN (8 Seaf) Mrs L Clay 5-11-0 J Lovejoy	15-
12	FO	DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE (Mrs E Richards) H O'Neitl 4-11-0	83 20 -
13	000-P0	EVESHAM BUTCHERS (Evesham Butchers) Mrs J Croft 4-11-0 NON-RUNNER	
14	₽	FARAPOUR (P Hayward) P Mitchell 4-11-0	— 10-
16	P-18	FLOWER OF TINTERN D (Mrs A Chatten) D Ringer 4-11-0	83 10-
17	0	HIGH COVERT (G Gregson) G Gregson 6-11-0	20-
_ 19	24	ICKWORTH (Lord Bostol) Mrs D Haine 4-11-0 \$ Smith Eccles	90 4
23	U-	NATYAPOUR (\$ M Dem Ltd) W Kemp 5-11-0	25-
24		NEW BARNET (Miss N Thesiger) J Jenkins 4-11-0 M Perrett	— 6-
25	3-0	NICE BUSINESS (R Sexby) J Jenkins 4-11-0	81 7-
26	P	ORRAYAN (Mrs M Collison) R Hoad 5-11-0	20- ⁻
29	F004-3	SITAR THEME (D Rosburgh) R Akshurst 4-11-0 Date McKeown (7)	86 9 4
30	00	UNIT TENT (B) (Atlas Dis Ltd) Miss B Sanders 6-11-0	74 10-
31	ÔĈ	UP TOWN BOY (T Burrage) M Madgwick 4-11-0	14-
34	00400-0	FORMEDABLE LADY (Mrs R Newton) W Wightman 4-10-9 M Harrington	87 12-
35		LADY EUROLINK (Eurolink Comp Ser Ltd) P Mitchell 4-10-9	93 F5-3
-	•	door Martha should be a	

1.30 ARDINGLY SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£718: 2m) (11 runners)

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		THAMES TRADER (H Booty) P Haynes 5-11-7 Wr R Bothwell (7)	99 10-1
4	2-F1P44	LRIGFIELD LADY (BF) (D Crompton) W Kemp 4-11-0 S Shibston	83 F5-2
8	000-000	MISS ME NOT (M Truster) B Wise 4-10-13 R Rowell	82 20-1
7	011430	MANHATTAN BOY (CD) (J Blackman) J F-Heyes 4-10-12 Penny Pilich-Heyes (7)	95 8-1
8	0-0000	MR MCGREGOR (C Driscoll) H O'Nell 4-10-11	94 10-1
ō	F-00323	TAME DUCHESS (A Caton) J Bridger 4-10-11	94 7-2
ō	000-	CHERRYWOOD ROSE (Mrs R Smith) H O'Neil 4-10-11 R Chepman	 20-1
ĩ	0032	SOLENT BREEZE (V,BF) (J Tombs) S Stevens 3-10-11 A Carroll	81 3-1
2	QFP0-0D	KALIMPONG (P Butler) P Butler 4-10-9 A T O'Gormen (7)	89 6-1
3	200	FIC VIC IV Swarie) H Lee-Judson 3-10-9 R Stronge	SO 25-1
4	000P0	RIHODE ISLAND RED (J Bruton) A Moore 3-10-9	86 20-1

FORM WARRIOR UNCLE (10-3) was 111 3rd to Flaming Pearl (11-10) in a similar event to this at Plumpton on seasonal debut (2m. £718, good to soft, Nov 10, 11 ran). ITS A LAUGH (10-9) finished 12! 2nd to Water Eaton Sandy (10-8) in a Hereford N.H.Flat race (2m, £932, firm, Oct 3, 7 ran) but has desappointed in selling company twice subsequently, TRACK MARSHALL, 7th in a Towester Select isst time; earlier (10-10) a 231 winner from Reluctant Gift (10-5) in a similar event at Hereford (2m. £515, good to soft, Dec 2, 20 ran) with LA CHARRIT (10-5) falling 3 out. POETS DAY (10-9) was dropped into selling company for the first time this season when 11 ½13rd to Kuwait Leel (11-0) here at Worcester (2m 4f, £1120, heavy, Dec 17, 12

2.

O Rogairio, who has proved a life saver this season for his Salisbury trainer Peter Bailey, made it four wins from four starts this term, making light of a 5lb-penalty in the J H Rowe Challenge Trophy at Stratford yesterday.

The ten-year-old has provided four of Bailey's six successes this season and the grateful trainer said: "He's come back well after a soft palate operation and he's gone up 19th in the handicap since winning here the first week in November. He loves going left-handed but he's not robust enough for fences like at Newbury."

2.0 RACING POST HANDICAP CHASE (£2,435: 3m 1f) (10 runners) 2 U/121-0P DARGAI (CD) (Mei J Urquhert) R Armytage 10-11-7. 3 30P40-P SAUNDERS (CD) (Mrs L Clay) Mrs L Clay 12-11-4... 5 332-343 MR CANDY (A Moore) A Moore 7-11-1... 8 30041P DELATOR (CD) (P Brewer) I Wardle 0-10-12.....

0	0-03U24	DOUBLEUAGAIN (B Clark) C Holmes 12-10-4	●99 9-2 L
10	021402	ANSWER TO PRAYER (J. Ffach-Heves) J. F-Heves 7-10-3 Penny Plach-Heves (7)	96 F3-1
11	P1F-P00	MOUNT FEDDANE (B,C) (G Beer) P Jones 10-10-0	92 8-1
12	3011U0/	DERYCAN (CD) (Lady S FitzAlan-Howard) Lady Herries 10-10-0 M Klatene	— 12-1
13	PUPP-OP	PLAYFIELDS (A Baird Tennis Courts) P Burgoyne 12-10-0	— 20 -1
.30	OFFHA	M NOVICE HURDLE (3-Y-O: £685: 2m) (9 runners)	- 1
10	0	CAPISTRANO CLIMAX (S M Dem Ltd) W Kemp 10-10	- 141
13	OP.	HELVICK BAY (Mrs R Henriques) M Henriques 10-10	— 10-1 T
18	442	PRINCE SATIRE (A Spencel R Akshurst 10-10	9 99 F4-9
19		PRICK (W Wightman) W Wightman 10-10	- 7-1
21		STADIA PUBLICITY (J Bridger) J Bridger 10-10	- 14-1
23	F300	TUMBA (Racegoers Club Owners Group) K Ofiver 10-10	60 8-1
24	P	WILLOW GORGE (J Barr) Miss B Sanders 10-10 W Morris	
26	ò	BAYTINO (R Brown) H Collingridge 10-5 R Earnshite	12-1
27	90	MISS VENEZUELA (Mrs S Popovich) S Stevens 10-5	10-1
O E	INCME	R CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE (£1,651: 2m) (4 n	HUNOUS)
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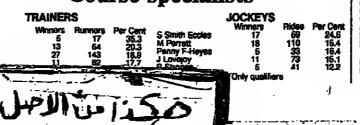
94 7-1 98 7-2 97 10-1

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3.30 ROTTINGDEAN HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,289: 2m) (13 runners)

W Humphreys (7)
S Smith Eccles
R Rowell 91 14-1 90 20-1

Course specialists



campaign for French Captain

Lavinia, Dochess of Norfolk received a trophy even bigger than the one she collected for the St Leger victory of Moon Madness, when French Captain landed the Whitelaw Challenge Cup Handicap Chase by 12 lengths at Fontwell Park yesterday.

The ev-Irish selding, carrying

yesterday.

The ex-Irish gelding, carrying a 91b-penalty after victories at Chepstow and Plumpton, was left in the lead when the long-time leader Autumn Zulu came down at the fifth-last fence. French Captain, the 7-4 favourite, survived a bad blunder

at the second-last and went on for an easy victory.

Pragada was confirmed the winner of the Brighton Novice Hundle after a lengthy stewards' inquiry, but the minor placings were reversed with Gex getting second place and Roubayd releat the second-last and went on gated to third.

After a photo-finish had shown Josh Gifford's newcomer Pragada as the head winner the stewards launched an inquiry into interference at the final

The first three jockeys, Rich-The Inst ture juckeys, Richard Rowe (Pragada), Allea Webb (Roubayd) and Hywel Davies (Gex) were called in and with the Whitelaw Challenge Cup Chase, in which Rowe was engaged, already ten minutes late, the stewards decided to

note, the stewards decided to postpone the inquiry until after the third race.

It was a mail-biting delay for retired Brighton businessman Eric McGlone who was celebrat-ing his first success with his first horse.

Dark Raven doubtful

Dark Raven is a doubtful starter for the Champion Hurdle at Cheltenham reported his trainer, Dermot Weld, yesterday (our Irish Racing Correspondent

Dark Raven, out of work for the past week after rapping himself, did not please Weld when he exercised him at The Carragh yesterday morning. The trainer said: "The setback appears to be more serious than I had imagined and while the Champion Hurdle is still more than 10 weeks away, I would have to regard him as an unlikely contender.
"I will defer a decision ab-

scratching him from the race for some weeks but in the meantime delete him from their lists.

Rewarding Nicholson planning Irish encore with **Very Promising**

From our Irish Racing Correspondent, Dublin

David Nicholsoo's confident by Paul Green in the spring and already he has won two big prizes in his colours, yesterday's prediction that, given good ground, Very Promising would success having been preceded by victory in the Mackeson Gold be very hard to beat in yesterday's first staging of the Black and White Whisky Cham-Cup at Cheltenham. Nicholson, outlining his plans for the winner, said that he hoped to bring Very Promising back to Leopardstown in Febuary for the Vincent O'Brien pion Chase was well substan-tiated at Leopardstown when the eight-year-old ran out a

convincing eight lengths winner. Over the last three fences only three of the seven runners, Very Promising, Bobsline and Royal Bond were in contention as at the previous fence the second English challenger, Oregon Trail, made a bad mistake and lost a lot of ground.

Royal Bond, now rising 14 years of age, struggled gamely to stay in touch but he was done with between the last two

Very Promising touched down threequarters of a length in front of Bobsline over the last and although Bobsline held him for another few strides Very Promising began to assert his superiority on the run-in, drawing well clear.

ing well clear.

Frank Berry, Bobsline's rider, accepted the situation 100 yards from home while Very Promising kept up a good gallop to the lioe to win in style. Ten lengths further back was Royal Bond who stayed on gamely to take

Gold Cup.
The distance of that race is three miles and Nicholson said: "If he gets it well here, I would have to seriously consider running him in the Cheltenham Gold Cup. On the other hand, if the race shows up a lack of stamina, then I would be happy to drop back to a shorter distance and make the Queen Mother Two Mile Champion Chase his Cheltenham

Bobsline will again take him on in the Vincent O'Brien Gold Cup and Frank Berry is hoping for much softer ground for their

Leopardstown result

Going: good
2.5 (2½m ch): 1. VERY PROMISING (R
Durwoody S-Fav): 2. Bobeline (F Berry
5-2): 3. Royal Bond (T J Taafle 25-1). Also
ran: 5-2 Oragon Trail (Sth), 12 hard Case
(4th): 2.5 Another Brownie (D). Boro
Ouerter (6th). 7 ran. NR-Sesion Bridge 8,
101. 3. 11, dat: D Nicholeon at Stow-onthe-Wold, Tote: 22.30; 21.50, 21.80, 23.00.
CSF: 25.10.

Corporal Clinger to mount another successful raid

Following Very Promising's win yesterday Corporal Clinger can take another IRE50,000 prize, the Sean P Graham Memorial Hurdle at Leopardstown today, back to England (Dur Irish Racing Correspoodent writes).
Corporal Clinger, trained by
Martin Pipe, has become very

much a one-track performer and this will be his first race away from Cheltenham in two sea-sons. He beat Kesslin there last year in the Bula Hurdle, and as the runner-up later won the Wessel Cable Champion Hurdle, although he subsequently lost the race on a cootroversial disqualification, it is easy to make a case for Corporal

sixth to See You Then in the Champion Hurdle.
However, Bonalma ran most disappointingly behind Dark Raven at Naas and I have more respect for Deep Idol who carried top weight of 12 stone into a creditable third placing behind The Illiad at Fairyhouse.

Bookmakers William Hill re-port substantial Champion Hurdle support for Corporal Clinger and have laid him to lose almost £200,000, cutting his Cheltenham odds to 14-1 from 25-1.

Fergy on right track

Fergy Foster has really takeo to Newcastle. He has woo three times this season and all have been at the course. His latest victory came in the Game Bird Handley Chee On paper, the pick of the Irish runners would be Bonalma, who won the last running of the Sweeps Hurdle over this course and distance before finishing Sedgefield racecourse.

TAUNTON

Selections By Mandarin

12.45 Olympic Eagle. 1.15 Repetitive. 1.45 Dangerous Game. 2.15 Atataho. 2.45 MORN-ING LINE (nap). 3.15 French Flutter.

Going: soft 12.45 HOLLY TREE JUVENILE NOVICE HURDLE (Div & 3-Y-O; £466; 2m 1f) (14 runners) B MATELOT ROYALE A DEVISION
ORDYAL BERIS L Cottrell 10-9
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OJANE CRAIG S Griffitts 10-4
DIANE CRAIG S Griffitts 10-4
DIANE CRAIG S Griffitts 10-4 SHEER NECTAR G Belding 10-4 UPRAM QUEEN D Gendolfo 10-4

1.15 HANGOVER NOVICE SELLING HURDLE (£467: 2m 1f) (12)

1 8-03 BOLL EVARD ROY R Holder 4-11-7 P Mamply
2 0 PAMELA HEAMEY H Beasley 4-11-7 C Cox
8 ROBROS F Holis 4-11-7 C Gray
8 000 CHATTERSPARK R Hodges 3-10-7 Bowel
10 00 RUSSIG K Couninghem-Brown 3-10-7 Perfor Nobles
11 SRTANG CANCER P Hobbs 3-10-7 Perfor Nobles
14 80 GOLDEN AZELIA R Brachgian 3-10-2 R J Beggen
17 000 PARKES SPECIAL Mrs J Wornsacott 3-10-2
18 3822 SESETTIME M Pros 3-10-2

D Wornsacott (7)
18 3822 SESETTIME M Pros 3-10-2 Evens Repetitive, 11-4 Boulevard Roy, 8-1 Solent Flyer, 8-1 Sintaki Dancer, 12-1 Pamela Heaney, 18-1 others.

1.45 TANGIER PRESS NOVICE CHASE (£1.884:

2 0-01 OUR WHITE HART N VIgors 0-11-7 C C Cox.
3 000P AR SPACE (B) R Hodges 7-11-0 E Powell
4 F-44 BRYMA B Paking 5-11-0 C Evens (4)
5 44- DANIGEROUS GAME F Wisheyn 7-11-0 K Moorey
6 0000 FLYNG TENDERFOOT (8) P Bailey 5-11-0 S Moorehad
8 P-00 HUNTWORTH C Popham 6-17-0 Peter Hobbs
10 -PPP BAPOUND (9) J Honeybuf 7-11-0 C Gray
NLCHEA LAD H Bessley 7-11-0 Mr T Granthen
11 P4P MASTER BRADINGER A Barrow 7-11-0 J Husst (7)
12 P4F RODGER DELL J Edwards 0-11-0 J Husst (7)
13 P4P RODGER DELL J Edwards 0-11-0 W Knox (6)
12 206.3 THE THRISTY FAMEER (8) R Hotley 7-11-0 P Murphy
24 P-00 WAY UNDER D Nugent 6-11-0 R Beggen
15-8 Dangerous Game, 7-2 Our While Hart, 4-1 Bryma, 0-1 15-8 Dangerous Gome, 7-2 Our While Hart, 4-1 Bryms, 0-1 The Thirsty Farmer, 10-1 Stand Firm, Rodger Doll.

2.15 SOMERSET COUNTY GAZETTE 150 HANDICAP CHASE (£2,209: 2m 1f) (8) HANDICAP CHASE (22,2US; 277 II) (0)

1 2340 ST WILLIAM (C) R Hodges 9-11-15 — Poter Hobbs 2 3-10 ATATAHO (CD) J Roberts 10-11-6 — S Monstead 3 3221 DOUBLETON (B,D) L Kennard 5-11-6 (7ex) — B Powell 5-013-F GRINGO J Honoyball 7-11-5 — P Nicholts 8 41-9 MOCO MISSIC (D) R Hodges 14-10-0 — Whiste (7) 10 -408 HOPE GAP (B) L Waring 10-10-0 — George Knight, 11 32/0 MISTY FAMTAN F Hollis 10-10-0 — R Milliman 12 0730 SCOTTISH ARI B Scriven 9-10-0 — A Jones 5-2 Doubleton, 100-30 Akataho, 9-2 St William, 3-1 Gringo, Mood Music, 6-1 Hope Gap, 10-1 Scottish Air. 2.45 CASTLE GREEN PRINTERS HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,246: 2m 1f) (14) 3 000- DICK'S REVENCE R Hodges 7-11-7---6 0001 MCRINNG LINE L Kennard 9-11-4 .-7 4U-8 THE THURDEBER D Elseworth 6-11-2--0 P4-0 WINART P Rodford 0-11-1 20 10-0 LORD MURPHY (CD) R Holder 4-10-1 P Murphy
21 3/00 KEEP SAUNTERING W G Turner 7-10-0
Thicy Turner (7) 3-1 Careen, 7-2 The Thunderer, 4-1 Coral Harbour, 5-1 Redgrave Girl, 3-1 Morning Line, 8-1 Winart, 12-1 Top Gold. 3.15 HOLLY TREE JUVENILE NOVICE HURDLE (Div II: 3-Y-O: £467: 2m 1f) (14)

9-4 Trelawney, 3-1 Tinsel Rose, 4-1 Autumn Flutter, 8-1 French Flutter, 6-1 Sandron, 10-1 Sousaca.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: R Holder, 12 winners from 54 numers, 22.2%; M Pipe, 28 from 171, 16.4%; L Kennard, 15 from 107, 14.0%; D Eleworth, 6 from 48, 12.5%; I Wardie, 5 from 53, 8.4%; R Hodges, 11 from 119, 9.2%.

Results from yesterday's three meetings

Fontwell Park

Going: good to soft

12.45 (2m 2! 110yd ch) 1, SOUTHDOWN
SPIBIT (R Rowell, 11-5 tay); 2, Hopeful
Saint (M Perrett, 11-2; 3, Serville (J
Akehurst, S3-1). ALSO RAN: 100-30 Helto
Kliliney (pu), 8 Swag Jacket (I), 14 SquareRiogad (F), 33 Billy Burrape (pu), Poor
Excuse (4th), 8 ran. NR: Hayelack's Flyer.
41, dist, 51, Miss 1. Bower at Alrestord.
Tote: 52.10; 51.10, 51.80 51.0.80. DR:
55.10. CSR: 28.16.

108: 22.11, 27.10, 27.00 27.030, DP-25.10, CSF: 28.16.

1.15 (2m 2) helie) 1, PRAGADA (R Rowe, 12-1; 2, Gest, H Davies, 5-1; 3, Reubeyd (A Webb, 5-2 fav), ALSO RAN: 3 htthread (bd), 4 Brent rhverside (5th), 14 Grundy's Own (4th), 16 Cramming (8th), 14 Grundy's Own (4th), 16 Cramming (8th), Persian Counterfash, Wing Bee (pu), Persian Biade (f), 15 ran. hd. nk. 6t, 194, 10t. J Giltord at Findon. Tota: 29.20; £1.90 21.70, £1.40. DF: 236.90. CSF: £69.38. Roybayd finished second, after a stew-ords inquiry was placed third.

1.45 (2m 4f ch) 1, FRENCH CAPTAIN (M Kinene, 7-4 fav); 2, Ladin American (L Hervey, 2-1; 3, Augina Bours (R Rowe, 5), ALSO RAN: 11-4 Autumn Zulu (f), 10 Graiguenamanagh (4th), 5 ran. 12, dist. nol. recorded. Lady Herrias at Littersempton. Tota: £2.70; £1.60 £1.40. DF: £3.30. CSF: £5.56.

2.15 (2m 2f hdis) 1, BARA PEG (Judy

DF: £3.30, CSF: £5.56.
2.15 (2m 2f hole) 1, BARA PBG (Judy Blaksney, 6-1); 2, Trable Chance (C Brown, 6-1); 3, Heteva Season (J Frost, 14-1), ALSO RAN: 12-8 fav Tudor Tulo, 100-50 Cettic Velley (4th), 10 H and K Hatmick, 13-1 Tarahumara (8th), 20 Wild Sap (5th), 25 Saravanta, 33 Freda's Folly (pu), Chome Express, 50 Another Floss (pu), Bournemouth Belle (pu), Eliza Hambrook, Greyfriam Queen (pu), Kabufi. 16 ran, RF: Telling Telles, 41, 24, 43, 1, 1R Blekeney at Devizes, Tote: £9.40; £2.00; £2.00 £3.30, DF: £28.00, CSF: £43.30.

22.00 £3.30. DF: £28.00. GSF: £43.30.

245 (2m 22 110yd ch) 1, FADA (M Bosley, 20-1); 2, Scale The Heights IN Coleman, 20-1); 3, Wordel (G Moore, 16-1), ALSO RAN: 6-4 fav Prince Moon (f), 4 Enryens (f), 15-2 Highland Cardinal (f), Palmerston (f), 14 Häbilly (pu), 20 City Sticker (f), 33 Brycc Boy (5th), Hardbridge (ur), 50 Lloyds Derk Lady (pu), Romacina (f), Prince Felex (4th), 14 ran, NR: Lucky Gold, 30, 21, 20, dist. J Bosley at Bampoton, Tote: £20.90; £3.30, £4.20; £2.30. DF: £205.10. GSF: £214.29, Tricast: £5,750.29.

3.15 (2m 2t hote) 1, WHARRY RUN (P Barton, 6-1); 2, Whither Goest Thou (O Murphy, 9-2); 3, Davy's Weir (R Rows, 5 1). ALSO RAN: 13-9 fav Beech Road (I), 11

Shirwycod (5th), Hot Handed, 18 Our Nobby (4th), 20 Tight Turn (6th), 66 Artic Chief, 8 ran, NR Rusty Rupert, 41, hd, sh hd, 21, 41, I Dudgeon at Warminster, Toles £7.50; £2.00, £1.70, £1.60, DF: £13.90, CSF, £33.01, Tricast; £90.62, Piscepot; £172.85,

Newcastle

Going: good to soft

12.45 (2m 120yd hele) 1, CARCUSEL,
ROCKET (8 Bradiey, 4-7 lav); 2, Hunteame
Henry (L Wyer, 7-4); 3, Andrew* Pride (C
Grant, 20-1); ALSO HAN: 14 Johnstan Boy
(Sith), 20 Hidden Gift (4th); 5 ran. NF:
Bonne Neit, Sonnendere, 5I, 15I, diet, 7I, R
Whitaker at Westherby, Tote: £1.50; £1.20,
£1.10. DF: £1.40. CSF: £2.09.
£1.15 (2m 120yd hele) 1, GRUNDY'S PET
(M Hemmond, 4-1); 2, Derreins (Mr P
Johnson, 33-1); 3, Mastelet (C Grant, 8-13
tayl, ALSO RAN: 7-2 Arcytle Frad (4th), 50
Hue Saucy (pu), 5 ran. 8I, 4, 20I, G M
Moore at Middieham, Tote: £4.20; £2.10,
£5.20. DF: £17.50. CSF: £51.47. No bid.
£1.45 (2m 41 ch) 1, FERRY FOSTER (R
Lamb, 11-10 tayl; 2, Ivacop (C Grant, 4-1);
3, Pristrose Weed (F Tuck, 9-2). ALSO
RAN: 7-2 Royal Jet (f), 4 ran, NR; Joe's
Fancy, 2, 12I, W A Stephenson at Bishop
Auckland, Tote: £1.90. DF: £2.50.

25.14.
2.15 (2m 120yd holle) 1. DHONI (M Hammond, 5-1); 2. Pat's Jester (R Lamb, 4-5 tav); 3. Elegant Guest (C Grant, 9-2).
ALSO RAN: 15-2 Barriel Bushy (4th), 16 Mgrcis Gold, 25 Muhah (pu), 33 Jimmy's Secret, Messer Music (pu), 50 All A Dream, Threeto (6th), Virolandra, Crownit (5th), 12 ran, 4, 44, 20, 151, 25, G M Moore at Middleham, Tota: 25.50; 22.50, 21.10, 21.50, DP: 25.00, CSP: 29.37. 245 (3m ch) 1, VALIANT WOOD (T G Dut, 3-1); 2, Dan D'Or (Mr T Read, 9-4 ji-fav); 3, Handy Titck (R Lamb, 9-4 ji-fav); 3, Handy Titck (R Lamb, 9-4 ji-fav); ALSO RAN: 9 Mighty Mark (4th), 18 Owen Duff (pu), 20 Not Easy (ur), 33 Keep Dreaming (5th), Claritaw (f), 8 ran. NR: Quien, Your Dead Right, 21 SI, 12, Mrg W Tullie at Eyemouth. Toth: 23.30; 21.50, 21.40, 21.50, DF: 23.90. CSP: 29.55.

29.55.
3.15 (2m 4f hdle) 1, SECRET WALK (R. Lamb, 15-8, fav); 2, Romain Dusk (P. Dernis, 12-1); 3, Half Brother (L. Wyer, 3-1); ALSO RAN: 9-2 Some Machine (4th), 8 Jay Elle Thaw (pu), 14 Cracinial, Rying Squad (5th), Lacider (6th), 33 Burti Walk (pu), 0 ran, 3, 194, 294, 7, 5, W A Sepherason at Bishop Auckland, Tota: 23.00; 21.80, 22.80, 22.20, DF; 223.40, CSF: 223.79.

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David Miller predicts loss of grass at Kooyong will end Davis Cup greatness for Fraser's men

Australia may never surface again

The Australians should savour their trimsph in the Davis Cup. It may sever happen again — and almost certainly not for a very long time. The days of Pat Cash may become a fond memory like Britain's pre-War era with Fred Perry. The reason is that the Australians could be about to commit tennis suicide.

The abandonment of the Victoria The abandonment of the Victoria
Lawn Tennis Association's traditional home at Kooyong – the
scene of so many historic matches
including Sunday's wonderful climax between Mikael Pernfors and
Cash – for the £25 million new
national centre at Finders Park has
accomparations ones the sweless one over-riding snag: the surface. While the nation basks in self acclaim at the recapture of the Cup from Sweden, it should pause to reflect that on almost any artificial surface, such as Flinders Park will have, the Swedes would probably have won 5-0: and that with almost any trio selected from seven or eight

The hold switch decided upon by the Australian association could change the face of their national game in several ways. The rest of the world's players would no longer make the long trip so readily for gaining experience on grass, which would then become almost exclusive to Wimbledon; Australian players would simultaneously have to breed a new competence on a different surface, with fewer foreign players against whom to test themselves; and Australia would lose its invaluable home advantage in the Davis Cop, being under contract to play all its ties at the new centre.

Sara Gomer, from Devon,

made a satisfactory, if slightly premature, start to her 1987 seasoo yesterday by beating Etsuko Inoue 4-6, 7-5, 6-3 in the first round of the Jason 2000

The Japanese player may oot bear a name that leaps immedi-

ately to mind when thinking of

the world's better grass court exponents, but she did perform

commendably during last summer's Dow Chemical event

in Birmingham. At times she also performed with credit

beautifully fluid serve and vol-ley game that had her British

opponent struggling during the

carly stages.

"She's the kind of player who plays a few games as if she can't possibly lose, and then she plays some awful games," Miss Gomer, the No. 14 seed, explained.

Fortunately the story unfolded as expected. Miss Inoue

became erratic and Miss Go-mer's confidence rose suf-

Miss Gomer, using a

women's tournament.

Gomer confidence

receives a tonic

From Barry Wood, Brisbane

finals, has won only a single Grand Prix tournament in his career, here in Melbourne. Without grass, with a squad of mostly ageing players and with few outstanding youngsters on the horizon, Australia will be hard pressed to sustain its prestige in this

many performers regard as dan-gerous, rather than cement or another synthetic surface, would further discourage visiting players. It will be a critical decision which Brian Tobin, the president of Tennis Australia, and Neale Fraser, the non-playing captain, most soon

For Sweden, however, the future

During his speech at the celebration banquet, Fraser congratulated Sweden on their sportsmanship and said that Australia had something to learn from the manner in which the Swedes can accept defeat. In sporting terms they are, as we discovered with Borg, about as emotional as a snowman. It is as much the secret of their winning as of the congeniality

When, in Munich last year, Wilander and Nystrom won the doubles, always so important, against Becker and Maurer, the Swedish squad was wholly without elation as it returned

to the locker room. "It was quite unlike anything I have ever experienced when anyone has just won a vital match," Tony Pickard, who is personal coach to Edberg, says. "They were quite unmoved. This Swedish temperament, while it can exasperate you when trying to get them motivated, it is a tremendous exact because they can also recover. asset, because they can also recover instantly from defeat, which seldom undermines them. They are all like

When Edberg was interviewed immediately after defeat in last Sunday's doubles, he was cerily detached. How are Sweden's chances now, going 2-1 behind, he was asked? Almost with a shrug he was asked? Almost with a shrug he was asked. replied: "Tomorrow is another day."

German welcome Australia's Davis Cup victory has

carned it a place in World Team Cup from May 18 to 24, organisers of the \$500,000 (about £344,000) tournament in Disseldorf announced yesterday. Australia's en-try as a wild card joins France, the holders, Sweden, the beaten Mel-bourne finalists, United States, Czechoslovakia, Spain, Argentina and West Germany who qualified on the basis of the rankings of their top two players.

It was a sharp contrast with the intensity exhibited by the Austra-lians: an attitude with allows the Swedes to retain, in contemporary professional sports, a rare equilibrium. If a finesman or umpire makes a monumental howler ... well, Yet, so difficult did both Pickard and Hans Olssen, the Swedish team manager, find the task of encourag-ing the phlegmatic Edberg to wind himself up last weekend that he may well have forfeited, for the time being at least, his place in the team-certainly when they travel to Italy for the first round next year. The team then is likely to be Wilander

team then is likely to be Wilander and Nystrom, with Perniors the alternative choice for singles.

Even after winning the doubles third set on Saturday to keep the match alive, an empty Edberg said to his manager during the 10-minute interval in the dressing room: "I just can't play." It has to be wondered whether Olssen made a mistake in acquiting the squad to bring their

whether Olssen made a mistake in permitting the squad to bring their girlfriends, as a concession to the festive time of the final.

"The doubles was the turning point," Olssen said. "We would have won with Wilander — but I'm not criticizing him for staying away for his wedding. He has done so much for us in the past."

The revelation of the tie has been, of course Darnfers. Both Olssen.

of course, Pernfors. Both Oissen and Fraser are of the opinion that he has the ability to win Wimbledon, never mind his lack of experience on grass. Those who have been present at Kooyong down the years were saying yesterday that the fourth rubber between Pernfors and Cash was the best Davis Cap encounter since Hoad beat Trabert in 1953.

Ola Malmqvist, Pernfors's coach, who is only 28 and has won the Swedish doubles title with his "pupil," is werried that Perufors has such a talent to do the problem: he is occasionally reloctant to play the safe shot, preferring the spectacular, as when he square set point to win the second set 6-4 instead of 6-2.

In the next game, he played one of the most remarkable shots ever seen, with the width of the court to cover in order to reach a drop-shot by Cash, he seemingly had no hope of getting there. He not only did so, but then, with a diving foreband scoop when falling head over heels hooked an acute cross-shot which left Cash stranded and the crowd astonished. They rose to applaud.

attitude that Pernfors, rather than play in the Australian Open starting in two weeks, is going home to practice for a month with Malmqvist. "We can improve everything in his game, especially his serve and forehand," Malmqvist said. "We want to establish a place in the top ten." This puts into perspective the understandable yet exaggerated claim by Derek Hardwick, the International Tennis Federation's chairman of the Davis Cup Committee that "rankings don't matter. the Davis Cup is the essence of the

It may once have been, but no more, never mind an unforgetable final: certainly not without the likes of McEnroe and Lendl in the competition. These days, professionals gauge their season by where they finish in the rankings. If you lose one match . . . there is always an-

complete take-over by the ama-teurs, subject to negotiation with the International Amateur Athletic Federation. It is symptomatic of the Swedish

It is rather its growing irrele-

ATHLETICS

Why professional running is starting to go flat

By a Special Correspondent

Professinnal athletics is under preat from the increasingly fluent amateurs and, in 1987, ould all hut disappear.

Olympic and Communwealth threat from the increasingly affluent amateurs and, in 1987, could all hut disappear. In Australia, for example, one of the bastions of that code, historic moves are afoot for a

One or two small enclaves survive, however, and one such is at Edinburgh's Meadowbank Stadium where the annual new year sprint takes place on Thurs-day and Friday this week.

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Formerly known as the Powderhall Sprint, after the stadium where it was held for many of its 117 years, it is now many of its 117 years, it is now called the Carlsberg Sprint after its sponsor. But, compared to the rich pickings of the so-called amateur circuit with its road races and grands prix, the Carlsberg is small beer.

A first prize of £1,400 is only £400 more than when George McNeill—the only man to have woo both it and Australia's top

woo both it and Australia's top event, the Stawell Gift - won the centenary sprint in 1970, its last year at Powderhall.

Though the traditionalists insist that Meadowbank, with its modern synthetic track, has not the same atmosphere as the grass and cinders of the Edinburgh greyhound and speedway stadium, it is not the switch of venues which has been responsible for the decline in popularity of this once great Scottish sporting fixture.

vance compared to the rewards

Runners will not readily go on a "preparatioo". as it is known.
giving up jobs, homes and even
wives, going on special diets and
training hard for weeks on end,
all for rewards less than Scotland's outstanding women runners Liz Lynch and Yvonne Murray can regularly command, albeit via their trust funds.

Only the betting one of the main stumbling blocks in integrating the sport with the

amateurs, made the ale rel-atively palarable with the possibility of a "school" making £10,000 or £12,000 with a seannily-placed early

But now there is scarcely any ante-post betting and there could be 135 mystery runners io the 20 heats on New Year's Day. from which only the winners progress to the semi-finals or cross-nes the following day when the final is also held. Of course the 110 metres race is a handicap event and hiding

firm to beat the handicapper and the bookmaker has always been part of the game. It is difficult, however, to hide class altogether and that is why
the entry of two Americans,
Kipper Bell and Bill Sooddy, has
added interest to the 1987 event.
Bell was the 1984 winner and

first American to succeed while Sooddy has the fastest 100 metres time oo record to his credit, a wind-assisted 9.87

BASKETBALL

Edwards puts his case for United

By Nicholas Harling .

Edwards may oow be able to appease some of those but surely, we are bringing the shareholders whose wrath he losses down."

With six full-time professionals and a limited capacity had to endure at the cluh's annual meeting last month, when he was questioned about the £66,000 loss suffered on the basketball froot.

The trophy won by United at the weekend in the Tournament of Champions, when they defeated Polycell Kingstoo in a memorable final, is confuroa-tion that Edwards does at least quarters, which could have been have a team capable of giving used for baskethall

through their three-year £250,000 contract, a team out of the running in their defence of the Carlsberg League champion-ship, and another £30,000 loss hudgeted for the forthcoming year, Edwards has had to face speculation as to United's future involvement in the game.

While not completely dispelwhile not completely disper-ling the rumours, Edwards is clearly reluetant to end United's association with basketball. "We are conscious of the fact that people are looking at us and if we have to pull out, obviously

The elegant glass statuette which has become the latest addition to the Manchester United trophy cabinet could be used as evidence on behalf of Martin Edwards.

The clegant glass statuette which has become the latest ball cluh in Britain to own a basketball cluh as well, Edwards, who has since been followed by John Deacon at Portsmouth, seems keen to maintain the link. "We are doing all the things we can to keen it soing." he said, "Slowly, keep it going," he said. "Slowly, ...

of 1,500 at their home court, the Stretford Sports Centre, Ed-wards is only too aware of the financial handicaps, particularly since Salford City Couocil recently refused permission to build an extension at the foot-

In United's favour, however, wahie for money

With the shareholders is the fact that they have no expressing dissent, Sharp, the difficulty attracting individual sponsors for each the veteran Royal Bond.

"If sponsors see more games like the final against Kingston, they realize they are getting something back for their money." Edwards said. "If there were no interest in basketball, it would seem a fair question for the shareholders to ask wheo they look at the figures. To tell you the truth I wouldn't mind if we were only to break even."
Since it is Edwards' belief that Uoited already languish behind Kingston and Portsmouth in terms of players' earnings, it is vital the club should find another sponsor in the event that Sharp cease their sponsorship.

YACHTING

Condor is third in a special line

From Barry Pickthall Fremantle

Condor, the 80ft maxi. owned hy Boh Bell, the Bermuda-based British tax exile, took the win-ning guo yesterday at the finish of the 630-mile Sydney to Hobart race, 20 minutes ahead of Windward Passage, now aged 18 and owned by Rod Muir, the Sydney-based media head.

Flying her yellow spinnaker up the Derwent river, Condor completed the course io two days 23hr 26min, making the British-built Roo Holland design one of only three boats in the 41-year history of this classic event to floish within three

Condor's nme, however, was nine hours outside the record set in 1975 by Jim Kilroy's 79ft ketch, Kialoa, but Bell, who has taken line bonours in this race twice before, said it was great to wio without the controversy that surrounded his last success three years ago. On that occasion Nirvana, the American yacht, crossed the line first hut was disqualified for forcing Condor aground near the finish.

Now the British crew, who suffered a oumber of blown out sails and other breakages during the voyage. Must wait until today to see if any of the smaller boats in this 126-strong fleet better their handicap time.

Ford showdown

Richard Ford, who resigned as managing director of New-port County last Saturday, faces a showdown meeting with the cluh's board today. He resigned after demoostrating faces chanted "Ford must go" following the 2-0 home defeat by third discipate tailenge face Vale divisioo tailenders Port Vale. He was persuaded to speed 48 hours reconsidering his decision

Cash, for the moment regarded locally as superman, on account of his second, and exceptional, performance in four years in Davis Cup

To install artificial grass, which

stretches invitingly towards an invisible horizon. They have a unique depth of talent and, significantly, a sporting temperament that is equally unique.

ficiently to produce victory

from a lacklustre performance.

The first set was strange. I was returning a lot better than I usually do and wasn't serving

that badly, but she was returning well," Miss Gomer said. "At the

begioning of the second set I wasn't really there mentally, but

she let me back in by making a number of errors."

Miss Gomer hadexpected problems however. The first match is obviously difficult after a long journey, "she said , having spent Christmas in Australia to

prepare for the tournament. "If

you can squeeze through while

playing badly then it gives you confidence in the next round,"

Her next match will be against Eva Krapl, a tall Swiss who should give her an easier ride

Anne Hobbs is another British player to have arrived early

to prepare for the Australian Open which begins on January
12. Miss Hobbs should win
against Carin Bakkum, although
she is capable of losing to almost

anyone if the moon is in the

wrong phase or her egg at breakfast is undercooked. How-

ever, if Miss Hobbs does succeed theo she will have to face

Pam Shriver, the No. 2 seed.

Wild card granted to Lendl

Adelaide (Agencies) - Ivan Lendl, the world number one, has been granted a wild-card corry to play in the doubles competition at the South Australian men's open championships which started at the Memorial Drive grass courts have recognized.

here yesterday.

The Czechoslovak player, who has not entered the singles competition, arrived here yes-terday after a 30-hour flight from the United States and will partner the American Bill Scanlon in order to gain some extra grass-court practice before the Australian Open starts at Kooyong on January 12. He last played here six years ago when he spearheaded a rest-of-the-world team against an American trio in a challenge series.

In one of the tournament's opening singles matches, Amos Mansdorf, an Israeli army sersurvived to fight again after two tough tie-breaks in his en-counter with Peter Dooban, of pletes his three-year compulsory military service next month, was taken to three sets by Doohan before winning 7-6, 2-6,

Doohan, who beat Mansdorf here last year, lost the first tie-break 8-6, played consistently to take the second set and kept up the pressure to the third only to lose the tie-break 7-4. Mansdorf, ranked 39th in the world, attributed part of his success to his new coach Peter Fishbach, with whom he has been training officially for only a few days. RESULTS: First round (Australian unless stated): A Manadorf (s) bt P Dooban, 7-8, 2-6, 7-8; A Larab to P Bases (CSS), 6-3, 6-4; G Michibata (Carl) bt O Tyson, 6-2, 6-1; M Schapers (Notf) bt I B Yout, 7-8, 7-5; B Scarlon (US) bt J Frana (Arg), 4-6, 6-4, 6-



Stringing it together for 1987: Alex Niepel beating Helenz Walters 6-2, 7-5 at Queen's Club in the Pradential junior indoor championship. (Photo: Hugh Routledge). Results, page 26

Gomer: kept steady nerve VOLLEYBALL

Scotland lure top US coach

By a Correspondent

The Scottish Volleyball Association will spend £4,000 to bring Doug Beal, coach to the 1984 American men's winning Olympic team, to Scotland from labe 4 to 11 to 15 to July 4 to 11 to take a coaching seminar in an attempt to up grade domestic standards.

Niek Moody, the technical director of the SVA, said yesterday: "It's an exceptional opportunity for Scottish coaches - Beal is without doubt the best coach to show an interest to coming to the United King-dom." The English Association also hope to tempt Beal south to

take a clinic.
With Scotland edging towards the top level, Moody sees Beal's interest as one of the most significant developments for Scotland in several years.

 Barry Swann, the England coach, has named one uncapped player in his squad of 12 against Cuba io the Pickfords Travel ioternational women's tournament at Alexandra Paviline from language 7 to 9. The from January 7 to 9. The newcomer is Sue Risbriger, aged 23, from Ashcombe, the league leaders. Her team colleague. Ann Jarvis, aged 31, will bring her cap tally to 167 io this match.

England and Sweden are taking part as guests as their performances will oot count towards the trophy. Norway, ranked second in Western Europe, have taken the place of Peru, the Olympic silver medal ners, in a tournament likely to be dominated by the East Germans, Cubans and Japanese. Cuba and East Germany both finished in the top four in the last world championships and Japan, who are seventh in the sapan, who are seventh in the world rankings, are at a critical stage in their build-up for the 1988 Olympics to Scoul — thus bringing together the finest array of talent ever assembled in

ENGLISH SQUAD: O Frost, S Risbriger, A Janvis, A Devia (all Ashcombe), O Sedgewick, J Smith (both Salo), S Lystor, Y Kelly (both Spark), N Timeley (Pocle), P Speers (Leads), N Fowler (Sacred Heart), W Gats (Bradford).

Parti Shriver, the No. 2 seed. RESELTS: First council (Justralium unless stated): S McCarm bt S Faulturer, 6-0, 6-2. R Marsikova (Cz) bt W Probet (WG), 6-2, 6-0. E Burgin (US) bt J Pitchardson (NZ), 4-6, 6-4, 6-1; J Mundel (SA) bt R Ediam, 6-8, 6-4, 6-1; J Mundel (SA) bt R Ediam, 6-8, 6-9, 6-1, 5-4, thu na (US) bt C Somepy (Switz), 7-5, 6-0; E Krapi (Switz) bt A Hollicova (Cz), 7-5, 4-6, 6-3; S Gomer (GB) bt E Incue (Japan), 4-6, 6-3; O van Remeburg (SA) bt M Yanagi (Japan), 7-6, 6-3; M Bollagrar (Nearl) bt C Montafor (Braz), 6-3, 6-7, 6-3; M Jappano bt A M Fernandez (US), 6-4, 6-2; A Betaner (WG) bt E Minter, 7-5, 6-4; E Simple bt A Smith (US), 3-6, 6-2, 6-4; E Releach (SA) bt N Sato (Japan), 6-0, 6-1; P My (HQ) bt C Noell, 7-6, 7-6; H Luchoff (US) bt N Provis, 6-4, 4-6, 8-2; E Print (WG) bt T Holladay (US), 6-0, 6-3; C Johannie (Switz) bt J Thompson, 6-4, 6-3; L Reid bt C McGregor (US), 7-5, 1-6, 6-4. HOCKEY

Indoor world cup brought up short

By Sydney Friskin

indoor hockey tournament lo be held in Canberra from March 2 to 6, 1988. Efforts are still being made to induce the Germans to play, but their reason for staying

play, hut their reason for staying out is that the event is outside their oormal indoor season.

The entry list does not include an Asian or African country for the simple reason that they do not play indoor hockey and so Australia, the host country, will be joined by Argentina, Austria, Canada, England, Fiji, France, Ireland, New Zealand, Scotland and Spain.

and Spain.
There could be a medal here for one of the home countries and it would not be carrying

Neither West Germany, the European champions nor The Netherlands are among the 11 entries for the first World Cup indoor hockey tournament to be held in Canberra from March 2 oot have true world representation. However, the contract of th tion, the International Hockey Federation is determined to go

through with it.
Australia, having already won
the outdoor World Cup must
fancy their chances to achieve the double. They will be seen in action at the Glenfiddich tournament in Glasgow on January
10 to 11 and also in the sixnation tournament in Dublin
from January 16 to 18.
The Australian squad includes Treva King, Warren
Birmingham and Peter
Haselhurst from the outdoor
World Cup team.

West continue their impressive start By Joyce Whitehead

The first three of the 10
Territorial matches played yesterday in Sherborne were very even.

Agaiost East, South started gast and looked very fit but the well and dominated the first match was memorable for some fine tackling from both sides, in particular by Goacher (Northsteed well and the the were subdued. an aprunnshire) and Crook (Lancashire).

well and dominated the first half, with Lesley Hohley giving them a 1-0 lead, but in the second half they were subdued. East pieked themselves up and Jane Newton equalized, but the South's temperament was right as they made a last-minute comeback with a goal from Heather Stoddart finishing the match 2-1 in the South's favour. North lost the match against Midlands in the 69th minute. lackie Crook scored a penalty Midlands in the 69th minute. Jackie Crook scored a penalty stroke in the first half after stroke in the first half after from a penalty corner. But by half-time Jane Newton had lands goalkeeper produced a collansing tackle in the wrong goal and scored while the West's coalkeeper's back was turned to Jackie Crook scored a penalty stroke in the first half after collapsing tackle in the wroog place, and then kept a frustrated Midlands at bay, it looked as though North were succeeding until Kim Gordon at last tipped

(Lancashire). in the last match of the afternoon West romped home

to a 2-1 win against East. After the example set by their B team oo Sunday, when they had the best result of the five territories in two matches, West senses victory from the start and goalkeeper's back was turned to make it i-1.

The second half was full of

action. It was very competitive and Caroline Brown's scooped the ball into the net a second and Caroline Brown's scooped shot brought West victory. It lands had had their opportu-nities but their shots at goal were major tournament staged in the

McKenzie on course for record

Tony McKenzie, the British light-welterweight champion from Leicester, goes for a record when he defends his title against Lioyd Christie, of Wolver-hampton, at Fairfield Hall, Croydon, on January 28.

Christie, aged 24, the elder brother of the middleweight Errel Christie, stands between McKenzie and his third British chaspiouship victory, which would give him a championship belt outright in the space of 130

This compares with 203 days by the British featherweight champion, Robert Dickie, of Swansea, who recently took the record from Pat Cowdell.

McKenzie stopped his name-sake, Clinton McKenzie, in three rounds on September 20 and made his first defeace on October 25 when he beat Mike Harris over 10 rounds. He has won 16 of his 19 professional boats in a three-year career, and is Leicester's third recent cham-pion, following Tony Sibson and Chris Pyatt.

On the same Croydon bill, Terry Marsh makes his come-back after eight months out of the ring against an American opponent yet to be named. The London lightweight, Mo Hus-sein, meets Langton Tinago, of Zimbabwe, for the Common-wealth title.

No deal

Brentford have decided against offering a contract to David Geddis, the Birmingham City forward, who has been on loan with the club for the last month.

collected only two points from the last three games, keep an unchanged team for the New Year's Day home match with Liverpool which means there is no place for Johnny Metgod whose contract is due for

Nottingham Forest, who have

Tait and **Gilbert** to appear

The Portsmouth defenders, Billy Gilbert and Mick Tait, have asked for personal hearings on their 'disrepute' charges and will appear before an FA
Commission in London oo
January 7. Both players were
sent off to a second divisioo
game at Sheffield United oo
December 13.

Lutoo Town expect to have another of their key players, Ricky Hill, returning to action when they play at Coventry on New Year's Day, Hill has been out for six weeks with a knee. out for six weeks with a knee injury. Mick Harford, who played his first match in six months at Nottingham Forest on Sunday, reported no adverse reactions from the knee injury which required four operations in 1986.

The police have relented oo the kiek-off time for Tottenham's visit to Charhon oo New Year's Day. With a 20,000 crowd expected at Sellur Park, the police originally requested a morning start, but now the game will have a 3pm kick-off. John Pearson could find himself in Charlton's attack after coming on as a substitute in the 5-6 Sunday win over Manchester City. Lennie Lawrence, the manager, must also decide whether to recall defender Steve Thompson, 5t again, or retain Andy Peake.

• Leicester City with only one win in their last 12 league games, are set to recall their winger, Steve Lynex, from Birmingham where he has been oo loan for the past two months because they have five regular first learn players under

Lynex could line up for Leicester at West Ham on New Year's Day where they will definitely be without their ceoural defender, Russell Osman, who received a hamstring injury in the Boxing Day draw with Arsenal. Walsh (groio strain) and Sealy (knee) are also doubtful.

FOOTBALL

Hughes goal keeps Barcelona on top

international player, scored the goal which ensured that Barcelona begin 1987 two points elear at the top of the Spanish league championship. The Catalonians won 1-0 at Cadiz on Sunday, and have taken 20 points for won 1-0 at Cauze on Sunday, and have taken 30 points from their 20 matches this season. Hughes ended a personal goal-drought which has lasted for two mooths with a header in the 49th minute. Barcelona relaxed after he scored, and the

bome side, although unable to match the technical excellence of the leaders, fought hard hut to no avail for an equaliser at the stayed to second place after scraping to a point in their 2-2 draw with fifth-placed Sporting Real, playing before 95,000 speciators at the Bernabeu stadium, scored first through San-

ehez, their Mexican centre-forward, in the 12th minute. He is oow the leading scorer in the league this season, with 18 goals. But Eloya equalised for Gijoo before half-time, and, three minutes after the interval, Ablanedo sent the visitors 2-l ahead from a swift counter-attack. With the pressure on them, Real managed to save face, and a point, in the 82nd minute, when their other Latin American import, the Argeotine Valdano, chested a cross into

the net. Español, of Barcelona, maintained their unbeaten home record with a 3-1 win over Las

GREEK: Panionios 1, Olympiakos 3; AEK Athens 0, OFI Irakilon 1; Katamaria 1, Irakis 3; Etimikos 0, Panethinaikos 1; Lanses 1, Diagoras 0; Doxa 0, Apolion 0; Ylannine 0, Arts Sakonika 0, Postponed: PAOK Salonaka v Veria. Leading po-sitions: 1, Olympiakos, played 12, points 20; 2, OFI, 12, 17; 3, PAOK Salonaka, 11, 16.

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Mark Hughes, the Welsh nternational player, scored the poal which ensured that Barce-pan begin 1987 two points elear the top of the Spanish league their points after a first half In Portugal, the top two clubs,

Porto and Benfica, both won, hut a shock away result for Vitoria Guimares, 3-t victors over Sporting Lisbon, has intensified the close competition at the top of the table. Porto, the reigning cham-pions, beat Elvas 2-0 away, and stay top on goal difference with 25 points from 15 matches. Gomes, their captain, scored the first goal, in the 28th mioute, and a second from Luis soon after the interval ensured the full poiots.

But Benfica had to work harder to overcome a spirited Braga side 2-1 at home. After an own goal had put them behind, the northern side drew level from a free kick hy Santos, and resisted strongly until Nunes headed home the winning goal for Benfica in the 72nd minute.

Guimares moved into third place, a point behind the lead-ers, thanks to their remarkable win at Sporting — the team who themselves sensationally troun-ced Benfica 7-1 two weeks ago. The home side scored first through their captain, Fernan-des, but were overwhelmed in the second half. Nkama, the Zairean player, Costeado, and the Braziliao, Paulinhn Cascavel, from a penalty, were

Farense 1, Varzim 2; Maritimo 2, Boavista 2. Leading positions: 1, Porto, 15, 25; 2, Benfica, 15, 25; 3, Guimares, 14, 24.

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hut he said yesterday: "My feelings remain uoehanged. I've had enough." Ford has been associated with the club for ten

RUGBY UNION

as England selectors are kept waiting

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

Day fixture between Bath and

The absence of so many

players in recent weeks -

Leeds, where he is a teacher,

Turner on

brink of

Welsh rugby's top scorer, the Newport outside half, Paul Turner, is casting his eyes lowards England for the elusive

international cap. Turner, with 230 points to his credit this

season, is frustrated at being ignored after showing brilliant form throughout the season.

"I don't seem in have any chance of getting into the senior Weish squad and I would grah the chance of an England place,"

It is the time of year when three tries in the second half of players, particularly those the game - be has now scored with international aspirations, eight from four holiday games start feeling those twinges which suggest that trial matches may not be such a with Nottingham - Oti may be said to have had the better of the overall exchange in good idea. Scotland's trial sides for Murrayfield this what was described as a good, spirited encounter during which Rugby held Notting-Saturday will be announced this morning, while England's ham scoreless for the better selectors will await a series of part of an hour. Coventry, who bave not lost to Nottingham at Coundon casualty reports during the week to see whether their Road since the war, will have David Kennell making his

chosen XVs for Twickenham the same day remain intact. For England the situation at lock forward has improved to debut on the wing. The former Warwick schoolboy is now at degree since Maurice Bradford University and has Colclough, who missed two of been chosen for the English the three divisional games because of glandular trouble, Universities team to play Irish Universities in Cork next

Risk of injury that Paul Rendall will be able to prop for the Rest, after making headway with a hamdepletes Bath Bath's 11 players in the England trial have pulled out string injury which prevented him appearing for the Barbarof their cluh's visit to Cardiff on New Year's Day. The Cardiff match takes place just 48 hours before the trial and ians at the weekend. It remains to be seen whether Stuart Barnes will test his 'dead leg' in the New Year's

the Bath players, headed by their captain, Richard Hill, have decided not to risk injury. Their team secretary, David Cardiff at the Arms Park. Barnes and Gareth Chilcott have both indicated a desire to play, two days before England's trial, though the Lamb said yesterday: "We can fully understand them putting their country first and we have not put any pressure on them." remainder of the Bath trialists. including Ricbard Hill, the England captain, seem likely to be unavailable for the club

played for Swansea on Saturday. Nigel Redman, howis oo tenterhooks, wondering whether his bruised knee ligaments will

among them Damien Cronin, permit him to play. Redman missed Bath's narthe young lock wbo played for the Anglo-Scots at the weekrow win over Northampton, end - has given Bath the as did Simoo Halliday, who chance to bring in some recent withdrew with a bruised recruits, including two in-teresting backs: Alan Buzza, shoulder but should be able to take his place at centre for the England XV. Should Redman the Cornishman wbo is studying at Loughborough Univermiss the trial, Colclough will sity and who made his debut presumably be promoted to at centre against Northamp-the senior side and David ton, and Audley Lumsden ton, and Audley Lumsden Cusani is likely to come in. from Reading, last season's England Colts' full back, The other replacement lock, Neil Mantell, has withdrawn Lumsden, a fast and powerful as has John Goodwin, the player who could do duty Moseley wing, who was also equally well on the wing, is a among the travelling student at Bath University.

Two of the North's capped locks, Steve Bainbridge and Wade Dooley, are still hin-dered by injury, Bainbridge to the extent that he withdrew from Fylde's weekend game in 1984. After a knee operaafter being chosen to play.

Mantell is rested from the plagued with illness and has

Nottingham side to play Cov- not appeared for the club yet. entry this afternoon, as are But recently he has played a Chris Oti, the Rest's left wing Oti went to hospital for a precautionary X-ray after receiving a kick on the jaw during his club's game against Rugby on Saturday, but no damage was discernible. Since he went on to score fortnight.

Welsh cup seeding row is over 'defecting'

The year-and-a-half-long row over clubs' seeding in the Schweppes Cup between the 15 Whitbread Welsh Merit Table clubs and the Welsh Rugby Union is over.

Ray Williams, secretary of the WRU, said in Cardiff yesterday: "After discussions with representatives of the merit table clubs on the future structure of the Schweppes Cup com-petition, a new formula related to seeded clubs and exempted clubs has been agreed. There are some details to be

clarified "
The dispute centred on the proposed scrapping of the present system, under which the 12 seeded clubs are decided on the basis of cup results over the past five years.
The WRU wanted to make

the last 16 in one year's com-petition the seeded clubs for the following season's event, and the merit table clubs, claiming the WRU had gone back on their word, threatened at one stage in boycott the competition

TENNIS

ATP still searching for perfect head director

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

Professionals, the men's tennis players' union', who have been without an executive director since August, are unlikely to appoint a successor to Mike Davies until the end of February at the earliest. The next meeting of the ATP board of directors will be held during the Lipton International Players Cham-pionships in Miami, from Febnuary 23 to March 8.

The ATP have had four executive directors: Jack Kramer from 1972-75, Bob Briner from 1975-80, Butch Buchholz from 1980-82 and Davies from 1983 to last August, when his contract was terminated. Since then the acting executive director has been Ron Bookman, Davies's former deputy.

Bookman said yesterday that the experienced head-hunting firm employed by the ATP to find the man most likely to meet their strict requirements was collecting and collating information on applicants for the job

The Association of Tennis and was also looking beyond

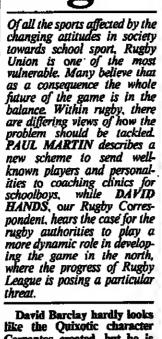
"I don't think there is any rush," Bookman said. The board want to find the perfect

person for the job."
The ATP executive director among the most powerful fig-ures in men's professional ten-nis and the year ahead is likely to be particularly challenging. In 1982 the ATP, offered tempting financial incentives, agreed that, from 1983 to 1987 inclusive, they would work in harness with the governing council of the Grand Prix circuit - rather than play a neutral role in the rivalry between the Grand Prix and the World Championship

Tennis circuit. But within the ranks of the ATP there has always been a strong movement towards an independent, neutral players' union - if ever the ATP could afford it. During the coming

Clinics with a difference for the Rugby Union hopefuls

Mixed fortunes Big names bring the youngsters into line



Cervantes created, but he is not a man who shies away from tilting at windmills. First, he helped bring out the Hedgehogs, then he hosted the two Springboks who are embroiled in controversy over their inclusion in the Ros Park team against Wasps. But these are sideshows in comparison with his latest

Proclaiming it "a big rescue act for rugby," the Rosslyn Park coach has launched a scheme that has as its amhitious object the reinvigoration of rugby among the country's youth. His first "international rugby clinic," held nt Sevenoaks, Kent, on Sunday, offered n blitzkrieg style of coaching – modelled on those in South Africa – hy some hig names in the game. While Andy Ripley handled some of the forwards, teaching them how to break, burst and

drilling them in the skills of lineout play and scrummaging.
Garth Wright, the Springbok scrum-half was teaching
Timothy Clark, aged 11, and
another budding half-back,
the art of torpedo and dive-

turn for the maul, Alistair McHarg, the London Scottish coach and Scotland lock, was



Showing the way: Andy Ripley puts young players through their paces at David Barclay's clinic in Sevenoaks, Kent

off the ground. His fellow-Springbok, Anton Barnard, was showing front-row for-wards how to bind and shove, keeping backs straight and binding within the complex rules that are a mystery to most schools' coaches. A fierce competitive spirit was also being instilled for the matches that were to follow: "Are we going to win?" Barnard roared ."Yeh, yeh, yeh," they roared back with clenched fist

salutes. The children all enthused without prompting, mainly explaining that they had not known most of the rules and techniques they had just been taught. Most said they had

yon get to see the indictment of a system which, internationals." Steven Sales, according to many of those also 12, added: "It's something to get you away from your relatives."

"I didn't realise it would be such good fun," exclaimed Andy Ripley as, like a latterday Pied Piper, he led a troop of panting, sweating, chatter-ing, exhibitated boys off the field for a calorific snack of lunchtime chocolate bars and orangeade. And Dick Best, the Harlequins coach, was equally ebullient. "There's tremendons enthusiasm. The beauty is you can see the improvements immediately when you are dealing with kids not

been induced to come because they would be under the wings of famons people. "I like it," James, aged 12, said. "It keeps us off the streets and survey and they have the streets and survey and enthusiastic," he said. "But when they leave minimulated a panacea. "What we have tried to do," said George Crawford, a lead-him to. And that in itself is an ing referee and Surrey execular."

according to many of those present, has failed to garner the talents of ex-internationals to the service of a game they inspire them, their parents and

"I admit I am too lazy and full of intertia to organise something myself," Ripley said, "but now someone's got me in on the act, I intend to go down to my local club, East coaching with the youngsters." Not even Barclay is rash enough to suggest that such

clinics will reverse the tide that is flowing against rugby in schools. But, he maintains, drastic action is vital. And mini-rugby, played on small

utive committee member, "is at some schools rugby is dying ont. Teachers are not available to give them some taste of real to coach them any more."
Hunt and Crawford both ragby and the 'professional' npproach to playing and coaching it. We hope it will

Crawford, who has refereed numerous schools matches this year, says he fears parents are withdrawing their children from the sport because of its image of violence as portrayed on television and in the media.

their local coaches to follow

The "yawning gap" between mini-rughy and the teams for 18-year-olds was stressed by Peter Hant, the Sevenoaks administrator. "Up till 12 years they are terribly keen

urged a much more aggressive drive hy the rughy authorities to market the game to appeal to vonth. There are plans for higger

clinics in April, involving current and past internationals, as well as leading coaches, in the West and the Midlands. The North would also follow, depending on whether or not Barclay runs out of money and

energy. Meanwhile, at least one convert has been made. Liam Walker, aged 11, had never played the game before until Sunday. "It was pretty brilliant," he said afterwards, and a new prop forward in-tends to foresake football for

Time for entrepreneurs to halt slide in appeal

It was a coincidence that, earlier this month, two north westerners should voice essentially the same plea on the same day regarding the development of rugby union: the first was John Dewhurst, secretary Another more experienced of the Lancashire Schools Rugby player on his way back is Steve Burnhill, the Leicester and Union, the second Brian Riley, a Yorkshire centre who toured Liverpool referee who gave an in South Africa with England outstanding speech at the annual dinner of the London Referees' Society.

The core of their comments, considering the constant opposition provided in the north hy amateur must sell itself if it is to survive the challenge not only of rugby league, and may be ready for firstbut American Football. They were class rugby at much the same time as Paul Dodge, the echoing a comment made by the Rughy Football Union seven years former England captain, ago, that "a professional business whose broken finger should have healed within the next approach is needed if we are to preserve the essentially amateur playing nature of the game."

That approach received a higher profile this month when the RFU organized a conference for physical education advisers and gave an indication that the union was aware of changing scholastic and social structures. The RFU also tacitly admitted the fragmented nature of their efforts to develop the game

throughout the country. That is the point that Mr Dewhurst, a first-class player with Loughborough College and Fylde, wbo has run rugby at Rossall School for the last 10 years, takes up. Rugby union in Lancashire has contracted at schools level over the last few years for a variety of reasons: the

teachers' industrial action has thrust the load back on the shoulders of the independent schools; the withdrawal of local authority grants; declining interest among boys

The vacuum created, he argues, has to be filled by rugby's own efforts."I have been pushing for a central office for the Lancashire area where you have a shop window for the development of the game, run by paid staff, entrepreneurs but sympathetic to the game, a secretary who can collate matters, correspond with clubs, referees, fixture banks, utes of meetings at schools, colts and club level.

"In that way you take away your diligent, hard-working people in their own little vacuum and bring things together. The game has survived so far on small bodies of absolutely devoted people who approach things in an amateur way. But the game is going professional with a small 'p' and that approach will not suffice much longer.

"I don't imagine the RFU could fund this so we come back to a sponsor, say, a computer company whose equipment would be used in the office - and who, possibly, might be attracted by the thought of similar offices being established in other parts of the country—and affiliation fees of, say, £100 from each club. The clubs would grumble, but a greal deal of work would be taken out of their hands because a computerised central office would handle much of the week-to-week running of the game in their area."

The amount of work devolving upon clubs has increased dramatically anyway with the decline of rugby coaching in schools. But not all clubs are sufficiently well-blessed with either facilities or expertise, the expertise necessary to teach the game to boys as opposed to coach-

ing young men.

At the same time, clubs are enthusiastically entering a league structure which will place greater demands upon their financial resources in travelling and prepara-tion of their lower sides. All the while rugby union administrators in uncomfortably aware of the strides being made by the British Amateur Rugby League Association (BARLA) whose development office in Manchester does a wonderful job for their game. In some ways it is a game for the 1980s, in the same way that fast-food businesses have developed during the same time.

It offers instant action as opposed to the more deliberate build-up of rugby union which offers attractions of a broader nature and accomodates greater physical dif-ferences. BARLA have taken their game into schools, using in some instances teachers who may have taken early retirement, but who only need a video and a handbook to visit schools as a lecturer. There is no reason for rugby union not to do the same, if only there is an organizing agency to prepare such people and pay them for their time.

The Sports Council's Digest of Sports Statistics for the UK says that

in recent years the "popularity of

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increase after the static position of the 1960s and 1970s when there were only 30 clubs. The number of amateur clubs more than doubled in the decade from 1972/3 (150) to 1982/3 (405) with a total membership of 21,700 players. In 1983 BARLA estimated the rate of growth at about 100 teams each

Hence the reason for rugby union to improve its shop window, in the way that the technical adminis-trators in the four divisions have been trying to do. But because there areas they can only bone to scratch the surface; too much of their time is taken by travelling on motorways. There is no doubt that constituent bodies all over England, and in the

other home countries, are aware of the problem. The Scottish Rugby Union estimate that the game is played regularly by 5,500 school-boys aged between 12 and 18, as opposed to previous estimates of 15,000, which the union rightly describe as a "critical problem."

The SRU spent £12,000 last season in grants to clubs running rugby for ages 12 to 16 and reckoo that more will be required this scason. They have also appointed a youth development officer for Glasgow and, after judging the results of his first season's work, the likelihood is that more such paid officers - themselves still playing the game - will be considered.

The Rugby Football Schools Union conference at Heythrop Park

scope for joint use with schools of club facilities which are rarely used for as much as 12 hours a week. "Funds are already available for technical administrators on a local or part-time basis." the conference report concluded. "County liaison officers between clubs and schools are needed and must be funded

"Grants for further education courses will mean that rugby players, not necessarily schoolmasters, will receive remuneration for part or full-time services and schools of sport will be an established part of the scene." (Nobody at the conference objected in principle to teachers being paid for coaching the game out of school).

Such reports confirm the RFU's awareness of the enormity of the problem and there have been preliminary discussions with the Sports Council about the funding of extra staff. The eternal problems remain time and resources spread among 27 constituent bodies, a number which breaks down the limited financial belp which the RFU's youth development trust fund has available.

But the final point from the RFSU conference was: "The whole pattern of the introduction of the game to young players is likely to undergo drastic changes in coming decades and maybe within five years." Rugby union, at central and local level, probably with commercial help, must learn to cope with those changes.



MOTOR RALLYING

Out for Africa: Ari Vatanen (left), the Finnish rally-driver, and his Italian rival, Andrea Zanussi, (right), preparing for the Paris-to-Dakar rally, which starts on January 1

RUGBY LEAGUE

Rule book trips up Bishop's hopes By Keith Macklin

Paul Bishop, the Warrington plinary meeting is today. As a scrum half, has suffered a hlow result, Bishop's case will not be to his hopes of playing in the John Player Special Trophy final against Wigan at Burnden Park a week on Saturday. He learned yesterday that a Rugby League bye-law prevented players appearing before disci-plinary committees until three clear days had elapsed between the sending-off offence and the

result, Bishop's case will not be heard until January 8, two days before the final and a one-match

suspension will be enough to keep the player out of the final. "This is a cruel blow for Bishop," the Warrington coach, Tony Barrow, said. "If he had been suspended for two games or less at the Tuesday meeting, be would have been free for the

committee meeting.

Bishop was sent off in the semi-final against Widnes on Saturday and the first disci-

their New Zealand hooker, returns after a two-match suspension to play in the John Player final rehearsal, the championship game at Wigan on New

Milton Huddart, the Leigh second row forward, is not available to play in the match against Salford on the same day because of a freak mishap. Huddart was scalded by steam and hot water while trying to repair a damaged radiator on his car at the weekend.

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TELEVISION AND RADIO

Edited by Peter Dear and Peter Davalle



Jubilant Mr Toad at the finishing post; a new series of The Wind in the Willows begins today (on ITV, 4.20pm)

CHOICE

The Battle of Rose Cottage

 Tonight, we get a reply to the rhetorical question Whose House Is It Anyway? (BBC2, 5.15pm) that has been tucked away in my Review of the Year ATV 11.00pm) in which, not surpris-ingly, the siege of *The Times* at Wapping rates a mention; Jack subconsciousness (and, I suspect, many another viewer's, 100) ever since BBC TV first put out this anti-authoritarian documentary about the Barnsley brothers, Billy and Gordon Howard, who staged a Yorkshire version of Custer's Last Stand. When last seen, the Rosenthal's 1972 comedy Another Sunday and Sweet F.A. (Channel 4, 10.00pm) which shows us what Anne Kirkbride. Coronation Street's Deirdre Barlow, looked defiant twosome were still threatlike when she made her television debut; and The West that Never Was (BBC2, 2.40pm), Tony ening to do unmentionable things to any bailiff who attempted to oust them from the ramshackle world they dignified with the name Rose Cottage. In tonight's updated version of the docu-Thomas's long overdue tribute to those budget-conscious B-West-erns that were often far better than the expensive films . they mentary, we learn whether their defiance paid off.

on BBC TV, what with Brief Encounter (BBC2, 3.50pm) about which I refuse to listen to anything even remotely dismissive; Miooelli's Brigadooo (BBC2, 11.55am) which is not, however, a patch oo his An American in Paris which BBC 2 will screen tomor-row; Blazing Saddles (BBC2, 9.00pm), Mel Brooks's raspberry blowing western (I am tempted to call a spade a spade, but wiser counsels have prevailed); and Forbidden Planet (BBC1, 11.45pm) which is both great fun On the movie frost, indepen-dent television offers little to get excited about. All the goodies are

and a remarkable technical achievement, and I advise you oot achievement, and ladvise you oot to worry your head too much looking for parallels with Shakespeare's The Tempest.

Radio choice: Derek Parker's portrait of The Gobbi (Radio 4, 2.00pm). Peter Davalle

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10.30 Play Schoel. (r) 10.50
Willo the Wisp. (r)
10.55 Five to Eleven. Peter
Barkworth with a thought for
the day 11.00 News and
weather 11.05 The Dukes of
Hazzard. Bo and Luke come to
the aid of Deputy Eros when the aid of Deputy Enos when he is accused of a bank raid 11.55 Open Air. Programme makers meet their critics 12.55 Regional news and weather.

1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip

Heyton, Weather 1.25 Neighbours, Weekday scap set in a Melbourne suburb 1.50 Pigeon Street. (r) 2.05 Film: The Land That Time Forgot (1974) starring Doug McClure, John McEnery, and Susan Penhaligon, An

adventure yarn based on the novel by Edgar Rice Burroughs about the British crew of a German U-boat they have commandeered who discover a mysterious and uncharted sland, Directed by Kevin

Connor.
3.30 Tom and Jerry (r) 3.50 Panto-timet Brian Cart's version of Mother Goose 4.05 The All New Popeye Show 4.25 Jonny Briggs 4.40 The Really Wild Show. The first of a new series of nature programmes, presented by Terry Nutkins, Nick Davies, and Ctiris

5.10 Grange HRI. Drama serial about the pupils and staff of a comprehensive school. (r) (Ceefax)
5.35 It's Not Just Zammo presented by John Craven and Nick Ross. A drug-alert programme besed on the Grange Hill character who had a serious drug problem. (r) (Ceefax)
6.00 Stx O'Ctock News with Nicholas Witchell and Philip Nicholas Witchell and Philip Hayton. Waather.

 6.35 London Plus.
 7.00 No Place Lika Home, Arthur decides he will not finance his down-at-heet children and their friends this Christmas and suggests they make do with simple food and no presents.

(f)
EastEnders. With Lou and
Arthur both unwell, Pauline has
a double headache; and Pat
has some advice for Angle.

(Ceefax)
8.00 Morecembe and Wise
Classics introduced by Ernia Wise, Highlights from the comic duo's Christmas shows.

9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Julia Somerville and Andrew Harvey. Regional news and weather.

9.30 Play: Mr and Mrs Edgehill, starring lan Holm and Judi Dench. A Noel Coward play about a born loser and his loyal

wife. (r) 11.05 Films of the Year. Barry Norman reflects on the year's output and picks his ten favourite films.

11.45 Film: Forbidden Planet (1956) starring Walter Pidgeon and Anne Francis. Set in AD2200, this science-fiction landmark. loosely based on The Tempest, is the story of the

crew of a space cruiser which lands on a planet inhabited by the mysterious Dr Morbius, his daughter, and their robot. Directed by Fred McLeod 1.25 Weather.

> revolver, which helped to make 9.00 Film: Blazing Saddles (1974) starring Gene Wilder, Cleevon Little, Wel Brooks, and Madeline Kahr. A spoof Western about a black sheriff who saves his town from the clutches of a crooked

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8.00 Ceefax.

10.40 Harold Lloyd*. Excerpts from the comedian's Millionaire, and the 1925-made. The Freshman. (r)

11.05 Blazing Paddles. A World About Us documentary about the Great Hawaiian Cance Race. (r)

Risca. (r)
11.55 Film: Brigadoon (1954)
starring Gene Kelly, Van
Johnson, and Cyd Charlese. A
Lemer and Loeve musical
about two American tourists, grouse shooting in Scotland, who become lost on the misty moors and discover an

Other recommended con-

movie attractions tonight: ITN's

BBC 2

unusual vitage. Directed by Vincente Minnelli. 1,40 Little Nehza Fights Great Dragon Kings. An animated version of an old Chinese legand. (r) 2.40 The West That Never Was. A

tribute to the stars of the B-Westerns. 3.40 News, regional news, and

3.50 Film: Brief Encounter* (1945) starring Cella Johnson and Trevor Howard. A sympathetic version of Noel Coward's play, Stif Life, about a happily married woman whose life changes when she meets a married man and they have an

affair. Directed by David Lean,
(Ceefax)

5.15 Whose House Is It Anyway?
The story of old-age pensioner
brothers, Billy and Gordon
Howard, and their battles with
Barneley Council over a Barnsley Council over a compulsory purchase order on the cottage where they live. An up-dated version of an earlier

programme.
6.00 Star Trek. Captain Kirk and the crew of the USS Enterprise in another space adventure. (r) 8.50 The Romance of Betty Boop. The animated screen sizen

makes a re-appearance. With the voice of Deskree Goyette. 7.15 Sid-Jumping from Oberstdorf, West Germany. 7.45 Great Sporting Moments. Ian Bottam's second knock in the

1981 Headingley Test against 8.10 Son of a Gust. A documentary, including offerings from Hollywood, about Sam Colt, the designer of the Colt

clutches of a crooked speculator. Directed by Mei Brooks. (Ceefax)

10.30 McCartney. An extended version of the film about Paul McCartney, including footage of Wings in concert and previously unseen film of the Beatles at work in the Abbey Road studies.

11.30 Classic Ghoet Stories. The Rose Garden, by M.R.James, read by Robert Powell.

11.45 Weather.

8.15 TV-am: Good Morning Britain presented by Jayne Irving and Richard Kays. News with Gordon Honeycombe at 8.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 8.00; sport at 6.40 and 7.40; exercises at 6.55; cartoon at 7.25; and 7.40;

axeroises at 6.55; cartoon at 7.25; pop music at 7.55; Jerni Barnett's postbag at 8.55. Timmy Mallett introduces
Wacaday at 9.05.
Thames never headlines followed by BMX Beat International, introduced by Gaz Top and Andy Ruffell from the Sands Centre, Carliste. Day two of the Cherry Coca Cola Freestyle Championships. 9.50 Monte Carlo Circus, Awardwinning acts from the 11th International Circus, Festival held in Monte Carlo tast December. The acts include the Contortionists of Mongolie; the Liberty Horses of Yasmine Smart, and the Flying Cabelleros

Cabelleros
Film: The Last Warhorse
(1986) starring Graham Dow
and Ritchle Singer. The story
of an old scrap-metal dealer 10.55 and his grandchildren whose prime site Sydney waterfront property is threatened by a Japanese developer who water to build an hotel on the articulary site. Discorded by

adjoining site. Directed by Robert Meilion. 12.30 The News at One with Leonard Parkin 1.20 Themes news. Parkin 1.20 Themes news.
Film: Beyond the Possidon
Adventure (1979) starring
Michael Caine, Sally Field,
Telly Savalas, and Peter Boyle.
Two days after a freak wave
causes the passenger liner
Poseidon to capsize, a salvage
tug arrives, closely followed by
a host carrying a medical team. 1.30

tug arrives, closely followed by a boat carrying a medical team. The tug master is after the contents of the purser's safe while the leader of the medical team is a gun-runner. Directed by Irwin Allen, 3.40 Thames news headlines.

3.45 The Young Doctors. 4.15 Daffy Direk, Cartoon, 4.20 The Wind in the Wildows. An animated

adventure narrated by lan
Carmichael. 4.45 Dramarama:
Frankle's Hat, by Jan Mark.
The story of a girl who pays a
visit to her married sister.
Starring Zoe Nathenson and
Vicky Murdock. (Oracle)
5.15 Blockbusters.
5.45 News with Alastair Stewart
6.00 Thames News
6.35 Crossroads.
7.00 Name That Tune Special with
Lionel Blair, Maggie Moone,
Faith Brown and Joe Brown.
The guest contestants are The guest contestants are Brian Day and Barbara

7.30 George and Mildred. Comedy George and Material Comedy series starring Yootha Joyce and Brian Murphy as a warring couple, tonight recovering from Christmas and preparing for the New Year. (r) 8.00 Des O'Connor Tonight. The

and Des O'Cormor Tonigra. The entertainer's guests are Etaine Paige, Julie Walters, Paul Nicholas, Jimmy Cricket, and via satellia, Paul Hogan.

9.00 Film Best Friends (1982) starring Burt Reynolds, Goldie Hawn, Jessica Tandy, and Bernert Histobes A. Barnard Hughes. A lighthearted tale of Richard and Paula, two Hollywood scriptwriters who have been living together for years. They decide to buy a house, an event that prompts Richard to suggest that prompts Hichard to suggest that they marry. Paula is reluctant but eventually agrees as long as the marriage is kept a secret. Directed by Norman Jewison.

10.45 News with Sandy Gall.
Followed by Themes news

headlines. 11.00 86: Review of the Year. ITN's review of the year's big news stories, presented by Michael Nicholson.

12.00 Black Onys. Laughter with music featuring one of the country's leading comedy

show groups.

12.30 Alfred Hitchcock Presents:
Enough Rope for Two. A
camping trip takes a deadly

12.55 Night Thoughts.



Paula Wilcox and Richard Beckinsale in The Lovers, repeated on Channel 4 tonight at 9.00pm

CHANNEL 4 12.00 Women's and Seniors' Golf from the NCR Country Club,

from the NCR Country Club, Kettering, Ohio. The men's competition features Gary Player, Arnold Palmer, Peter Thompson, Bob Charles, and Chi Chi Rodrigues.

1.00 Highlights of the 1986 Tour de France, introduced by Phil Liggett and Paul Sherwen.

2.00 Film: A-Haunting Wa Will Go" (1942) starring Laurel and Hardy. Starr and Oily are hired to deliver a coffin but unfortunately they become involved with a magician when the box becomes mixed up in the man's props. Directed by

the man's props. Directed by Altred Werker.

3.15 Film: Munster Go Home (1966) starring Fred Gwynne and Yvonne De Carlo. The spooky adventures of Herman who has inherited an English country estate from his uncle.

Directed by Earl Bellamy.
5.00 The Chart Show: Christme Special. The top videos of 1986. 6.25 Hannibal's Footsteps. In part

two of his four-stage meander Bernard Levin is in the Rhone Valley where he pays a brief visit to Avignon; enjoys Chateauneut-du-Pape; listens to a performance of Don Carlos in the Roman amphitheatre in Orange; celebrates Bastille Day in the vitage square of Tulette; and spends the night at a Trappist monastry at D'Alguebelle.

(Oracle) (f)
7.00 Channel 4 News with Peter
Sissons and Anne Pericins.
8.00 Brookside. Billy decides to put the electricity back on: Sheila persuades Karen to make the break and go to London; and Gail catches Damon chatting-

up Debbie. Stermaker, Programmes from the 60s and 70s that were the first stepping stone for now-established stars, beginning with Do Not Adjust Your Stocking, a comedy starring Denise Coffey, Eric idle, David Jason, Terry Jones, Michael Pain, the Bonzo Dog Doo Dah Band, and Captain Fantastic. 9.00 The Lovers, starring Richard Beckinsale and Paul Wilcox.
Comedy about two young people, he trying to get him to bed, she trying to get him to

9.30 New Faces, New Stars. New Faces, New Stars.

Among those appearing in this
edition of the talent show are
Patti Boulaye, Marti Calne, Les
Dennis and Lenny Henry. Dennis and Lenny Henry.

10.00 Another Sunday and Sweet
FA, by Jack Rosenthal. A
comedy about a Sunday
morning football match,
starring Fred Feast, Joe
Gladwin, and David Swift.
Directed by Michael Apted

11.00 Film: Koyannisqatsi (1983) A
silent celebration of
contemporary life in the United

contemporary life in the United States, featuring breathtaking landscapes and cityscapes. Directed by Godfrey Reggio. Ends at 12.35.

VARIATIONS

BBC1 WALES 6.35pm-7.00 Wates To-day. 1.25-1.30 News and weather. SCOTLAND 6.35pm-7.00 Reporting Scot-land. Northern IRELAND 5.35pm-5.40 Today's Sport 5.40-6.00 Inside Uster. 6.35-7.00 it's Not Just Zamoto. 7.00-7.30 Gitte. 1.25am-1.30 News and weather. SMGI ANDE.35pm-7.00 Regional news manazines.

ANGLIA As London except: 12.3ptg-1.00 Look Who's 7aking 1.20-1.30 News .15-5.45 Diff rent Strokes 6.00-6.35 About Anglia 12.30em Tuesday, Topic,

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10.50 Granada Reports to
lowed by Film: Rockets Salore (Donald
Sinden) 1.20pm-1.20 Granada Reports 3.454.15 Sorts and Daughters 6.00 Granada
Reports 5.25 This is Your Right 5.30 Grossroads 6.30-7.00 Crossroads 12.30am
Closedown.

HTV WEST As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News 6.00-6.35 News 12.30mm Closedown. HTV WALES AS HTV West



Vicky Murdock (left) and Zoe Nathenson: on ITV, 4.45pm

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ULSTER As London except 1.20 pm-1.30 Lunchtime 3.40-4.15 Life-styles of the Rich and Famous: Aldo Guori 6.00 Good Evening Ulsper 6.25-6.35 Dilary Dates 12.30 pm News, Closedown.

Dates 12-30em Nows, Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except:
12-30em-1-00 Calendar
Lunchiem Live 1-20-1-30 News 3-40 News
3-45-4,15 Country Precioe 6.00-4-35 Calendar
12-30em Music Box — Thomy Mellett 1-00
Amanda Redirigion Show 2-20 Nino Show 2-00
Marilia Buchanan Show 4-00 Simon Potter
5-00 The Shedow 6-00 Closedown.

SALC Storte: 12-00 miliday Women's
and Seniors' Golf 1-00 An American in
Perts: Tour de France 2-00 incarmational
Sweethearts of Rhythm 2-30 Thorses at the
Polices 3-55 Praisocitim 4-10 Rebects 4-15
Hafto: Trevor 5-00 Christ Show Christianes Special 6-30 Practaur Urdd 7-30 Newyddion
7-45 Had y Dolffin 8-45 Mae'n Tafu Withe 10-25
Anvyddion Flyydd 10-55 Ciff from the Nio
11-55 Ten Days that Shook Soho: Jazz 1-10am
Closedown.

Clare Sutcliffe and (right) Anne Kirkbride in Another Sunday and

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MF (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see Radio 1) MF (medium wave), serve on VHF (see Radio 1)
News on the hour. Headlens 5.30em, 8.30, 7.30, 8.30.
Cricket Fourit Test. Australia v England. Reports at 4.02em, 5.02, 8.02, 7.98, 8.67.
4.80em Colin Berry 5.38 Ray Moore 7.30 Bob Holmess 8.30 Ken Sruce 11.00 Jimmy Young (Inclinedical questions answered by Dr Mike Smith) 1.05pm David Jacobs 2.00 Maggie Philbin 3.30 Mike D'abo 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Bob Holmess presents the BBC Radio Orchestra 10.00 The Name's The Game 10.30 Back to Squara One (quiz game) 11.00 Srian Matthew 1.00em Charles Nove 3.06 4.00em A Little Night Music.

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6.00 Newstack (until 6.30) 7.00 News 7.89
Twenty-four Hours 7.20 My Country in Mind 7.45 The Britisermants Tale 8.00
News 8.99 Reflections 8.15 Nerd Knocks 8.30 After Britiser 2.00 News 9.00 Revises 9.15 The World Today 9.00 Financial News 8.40 Look Ahead 9.45
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Sounds of the Stoties 18.00 News 19.00 News 1.100 News 9.00 News 9. Tchalkovsky (Symphony Brussels, and string players of earlier generations. Works include Faure's Violin Sonata

Radio 3 8.55 On VHF only. Weather. 7.00 News 7.05 Concert: Mariam

Concert Maran matrem, Libra Vermell de Montserret, anon (Hesperion Ensemble), Britten (Lachymas: Kodousek,viola and Novotna, piano), Mozart (Divertimento in F, K 247: Vierna Mozart Ensemble), 8 00 News Ensemble), 6.00 News 8.05 Concert (contd) Hoist

(Terzetto: Adensy/Graeme/Aronwitz), Bulman (Pavan: Breem,luts), Dvorak (Piano Concerto in Giminor: Moravec/Czech PO), 9.00

News
This Week's Composers:
Constant Lambert and
Friends, Lambert (Elegiac
Blues: Richard Rodney
Bennett, piano), Milhaud
(ballet La creation du
monde), Lambert (Sonata:
Gilliespie, piano), Walton
(movaments from Facade
suite: with Lambert as
nerrator. Ensemble under the baton of the composer)

10,00 Stephen Bennett (clarinet), Joyce Riddell (piano). Vantal (Sonata in B flat), Jenner (Sonata Op

5)
10.45 Strauss: Hom Concerto
No 1 (Tuckwell/LSO),
and symphonic poem Also
spreat Zarathustra
(Chicago SO, under the
baton of Sir Georg Solti). 11.35 Simon Shewring: plano recital. Liszt (Harmonies du soir), Chopin (Bellade No 4 in Finitor, Op 52), and Brahms Intermaszd (Binitor, Op 119 No 1; Einajor, Op 118 No 4; A major, Op 118 No 2

12.15 Concert: BBC Scottish
SO (under George
Hurst), with Ernst Kovacic
(violan), Part one, Faunt
(Pavarie), Laio (Symphonie
espagnoie), 1.00 News
1.05 Concert (contd):

No 5) Guitar Encores: Leo Witoszynskyj plays Bach's Suite in G minor, BWV 995, and Wolfgang Muthspiel's Tonspiel, No 1 2.20 Strings Past and Future: recordings made by gold and silver medalists at the 1985 Queen Elisabeth Violin Competition in

No 1, (with Brussels gold medellist Hu Nai-Yuan), Delius's Caprice and Eegy, Egar's Selut d'emour, Egar's Violin Concerto in B minor, (soloist Hu Nai-Yuan) and Wieniawski and Debussy works, Grieg's To Spring (Felix Salmond, collo), and Elgar's Callo Concerto (Rose Cello Concerto (Rose and Cleveland Orchestra conducted by Andrew Davis).4.55 News

anterpretations on Record: Stephen Dodgson compares recordings of Mozart's Clarinet Quinter K 581 6.00 Britten/Tippett Festival: BBC Singers, Britten (Five flower songs, A boy was born, A shepherd's carol and a Hymr to the Virgin, and Choral dances, from Gioriana). Also Tippett's two madrigals — The windhover and The source, and The weeping babe

source, and The weeping babe
7.30 Love's Secritics: John Ford's play, written in 1633, in Bratt Usher's adaptation. The story of a duke whose wife is falsely accused of infidelity with his friend. The cast includes John Shrapnel, Slan Thomas, Anton Lesser, Tessa Peake-Jones, Karl Johnson and Nick Dunning

Johnson and Nick Dunning

9.30 John Stanley. A
performance of the
dramatic pestoral Arcadia,
The Shepherd'a
Wedding, which incorporates
the musician's Organ
Concerto in A. Op 10 No 5,
and the Concerto Grosso
in D. Op 2 No 1. Parley of
Instruments Barroque
Orchestra (under Roy
Goodman), with Paul
Nicholson (organ) and
singers Gillian Fisher,
Nancy Argenta, Bronwen
Milk, John Potter, Simon
Davies and Andrew Knight.

10.25 Recorder and Guitar:
John Turner and Neil
Smith in performances of
Michael Berkeley's Pes
de deux, John McCabe's
Desert 1V and Visite for Desert 1V and Vista for recorder, Lennox Berkeley's Theme and variations, for guitar, and Margaret Lucy Wildine's Aspects of night Besthoven Piano Sonatas: John Lill plays the No 16 in G Op 31 No 1, and the No 30 in E, Op 109

11.57 News. 12.00 Closedown

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On long wave. (s) Stereo on VHF 5.55 Shipping. 6.00 News. 6.10 Farming. 6.25 Morning Praise (s). 6.57 Weather 7.00 Today's News. 7.20 Business News. 7.25 Sport. 7.30 News Suranary 8.30 Car's Whiskers: 8.30 Cat's Whiskers:
Presented by Bernard
Cribbins.
9.00 News. 9.05 With Great
Pleasure: Robert
Robinson with a selection of
his favourite prose and
poetry. The readers are
Richard Pasco and Tim
Pigott-Smith.
9.50 No Laughing Matter:
Margaret Horsfield
shares thoughts with those
who have no sense of

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thythm.

10.00 News; Sand Between the Toes: A montage of memories of seaside holidays on the South Coast between the war. (s)

10.30 The Fosdyke Sags (s)

10.45 Wives of the Great Composers. Fritz Splegt on Minna, Wagner's first wife.

wite. 11.00 News; Travel; Emma (s)

11.00 News; Travel; Enma (s)
Part 6
12.00 News; Classic Features:
The 38th Parallal, Rene
Cutiorth presents a
dramatized portrait of
the war in Korea.
12.27 News Quiz of the Year.
Richard Ingrams and
David Taylor are joined by
guests (s)

David Taylor are joined by guests (s)

1.00 The World at One; News.
1.40 The Archers, 1.55
Shipping

2.00 News; Tito Gobbi. A celebration of one of the most admired popular singers, Presented by Derak Parker. The contributors include the singer's wife Titde. (a)

contributors include the singer's wife Tikle. (8)
3.00 News; The Afternoon Play: In Praise of Love, by Terence Rettigan. With Anthrony Quayle, Murlel Pavlow and Robert Beauth; The story of a wife who knows she is dying.
4.30 The Natural History Programme: A look back at the year's highlights. Presented by Fergus Keeling and Lionel Kelleway.
5.00 PM, News Magazine. (8)

5.45 Radio 4 Christmas Competition. Another chance to hear the clues. 5.50 Shipping 6.00 News 6.15 I've Been Together now



4, at 7.30pm

for 70 years: Johnny Morris recalls his childhood in Wales.
6.30 Paul Temple and the Conrad Case (Part 6).
7.00 News, 7.05 The Archers 7.20 Goin' Bamboo: Thoughts on the Japanese Workman. Workman. 7.30 Murder for Christmas:

More work for the Undertaker, by Margery Allingham. With Francis Matthews as Albert Campion. 8.00 Pick of the Year.

Pick of the Year.
Margaret Howard selects
highlights of the year's
programme on BBC TV
and radio (s)
John Morgan on Health.
Reflections on having
cancer and recovering from
it. 10.15 Ghost Story:
The Crowd, by
Ray Bradbury.
10.29 Weather.
The Financial World

10.29 Westher.
11.00 The Financial World
Tonight
11.15 Clare, by Jenyth
Worsley, based on the
story of the wife to Robert
Schumann who was a

Shipping (Available in England and S Wales only) as above except 1.55-2.00pm

FREQUENCIES: Radio 1:1053kHz/285m;1089kHz/275m; Radio 2: 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m; Radio 3: 1215kHz/247m:VHF-90-92.5; Radio 4: 200kHz/1500m: VHF-92-95; LBC:1152kHz/261m: VHF 97.3; Capital: 1548kHz/194m: VHF95.8; BBC Radio London: 1458kHz/206m: VHF 94.9; World Service: MF 648kHz/463m.

THE SEE TIMES

While yesterday was a time made on the players and the with the last Test match for retaxation and rejoicing in the England camp, the Austra-on the game. The West Indies lian team returned to the scene and Pakistan are already of their crushing defeat on there, just over a month after Sunday, to try, in their finishing a Test series in manager's words, to remedy Pakistan. They meet today. what we are doing wrong. The England and Australian The warning issued by the Consumer Affairs Minister in the Victorian State Government concerning "the danger from flying corks from champagne bottles" was more likely to affect Gatting's side

than Border's. "It is a time for shame and a time for change," comforted a leader in the Melbourne Herald on Australia's performance. "The first thing to be said is that wholesale, indiscriminate and messy slaughter is not the long-term solution," Richie Benaud wrote. "The less said about the cricket the better," was the Australian Prime Minister's

contribution. No one, meanwhile, keeps a lower profile in Australian cricketing circles than Kerry Packer and that is not surprising. To use an Australian expression, it was Mr Packer's hijacking of the game here that "rooted" it, first by splitting it down the middle when it was flourishing, and then, after with the Australian Board, by glorifying and commercializing the one-day game at an appalling cost to the tra-ditional version.

The jamboree which begins in Perth today (one-day internationals, of course) is useful

teams will be herded some 2,000 miles across the continent this evening, driven like cattle before the whips.

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They are going to Perth to oblige the marketing people, a Packer subsidiary, who have taken over the running of the Australian game and are using it to their own avaricious ends. The firm, PBL, have until 1989, when their contract expires, to reduce Test cricket in Australia to more of a relic than a dream.

Because their overworked and under-talented Test team are doing so badly, young Australia is becoming dis-enchanted with the more genuine side of the game. Australia's success in the Davis Cup, which coincided with defeat in the Test match on Sunday, is expected to prompt scores of eager recruits to turn from cricket to tennis. Playing cricket for the school is no longer, anyway, the height of a boy's ambition.

The ACB must know all this. Yet when England were here last, early in 1985, Border was already saying that he was sick and tired of one-day cricket. Australia at the time only as a timely reminder of the fierce demands being it. Today he faces another five,

Imran is facing a fight for fitness

Perth (Reuter) - fmran recent drawn Test series in Khan, the Pakistan captain, is Pakistan, is definitely ruled doubtful for today's opening encounter against the West Indies in the one-day tour-nament being played here until January

The brilliant all-rounder has an injured left thigh and bowled at only quarter pace in the nets yesterday, saying that if he played be would bowl at

medium pace or not at all. England and Australia are also competing in the sevenmatch competition which is surrounding yachting's Amer-

ica's Cup.
The doubt over Imran means Pakistan may go into their toughest match without their two leading bowlers. Abdul Qadir, the leg-spinner and sconrge of the West Indian batsmen during the

still, arguably, the world's greatest living exponent of the

spinner's art, has been enticed

back to England from his

hillside retreat in the sweetly

named Darling Ranges in

Western Australia. He has

accepted a professional coach-

ing engagement at Mill Hill School, north London, from next spring until the end of the

"Offer accepted," was

Lock's typically terse reply to

an inquiry from the indepen-

out with a chipped knuckle in his left band.

Despite that, Imran is not too downhearted, claiming that his two all-rounders, Wasim Akram and Mansoor Elahi, would thrill the Perth crowds. Wasim, he said, is the best player in the world at his age, while for sheer power Mansoor rivalled Ian Botham.

Indies' only problems surout and whether or not to use Out and whether or not to use Roger Harper, the off-spinner. West indies (room) y Fichards (capt), o Haynes, G Greenidge, R Richardson, L Gomes, G Logie, J Dujon, R Harper, M Marshall, M Hokling, W Benjamin, J Garrer, C Watsh, T Gray. PAKISTAN (from): I Khan (capt), J Miandad, R Raje, S Mohammad, M Nazar, O Omer, M Elah, E Ahmad, A Multava, S Yousaf, W Akram, S Jaffar, Z Khan, T Ahmed.

Mill Hill's offer lures Lock

By Paul Martin

who met Lock while on a

teacher exchange programme in Perth. "We're thrilled to

have got a great man of

Though Lock captured

2.844 wickets for England,

Surrey, Leicestershire and

Western Australia, where he spent his last eight playing years, the left-arm spinner had

of cricket, Roger Denning, England partner, Jim Laker.

cricket, who has proved he is a cricketers in his charge. He

brilliant coach," Denning en-thused. "He will certainly put some steel into the lads," he from their also-ran status to

sandwiched among them. Cricket is oow Border's treadmill. Since his first in 1978-79. he has played 137 one-day internationals, a laughable fig-ure if it were not so crazy. By mid-February be could have Not, for the moment, being masters in their own house,

the Australian Board convey a sense of well-meaning impotence. They will be pleased, though, that their tour to West Indies in the spring of 1988 does not look like materialising. A final decision on this will be made at the Board meeting in Perth on January 6.

The reason is said to be a clash of fixtures. If it were the Australian Board's reluctance to subject a young side to the ruthless intentions of the West Indian fast bowlers in their own conditions, it would be understandable: the point would be a fair one, which the West Indian Board would be wise to take. Whether England are about to be brought down to earth by the West Indians in Perth we shall know when the two sides meet on Saturday.

The Australian selectors, for their part, will be looking for a combination with which to start 1987 on a happier note. A change of captain, though unlikely, would, I think, be beneficial, not least to Border

Australia's present dilemma is not dissimilar to that in 1970-71 when their cricket was also at a low ebb and England were here. For the last Test match then, corresponding to next week's in Sydney, Lawry was replaced as captain by Ian Chappell, a surprising and controversial decision at the time but one which was to lead to a successful era. Lawry had lost five and drawn four of Australia's previous nine Test matches. Owing to the loss of so many experienced players to South Africa, the situation oow is, if anything, more

But who is there, as there was Ian Chappell in 1970-71, to revive Australia's fortunes? The likeliest to do so might be For their part the West another South Australian in David Hookes, an inspiraround a decision on which of tional player generally considcaptains. At 31 he is a good age for the job. He would seem to be the most imaginative option. But the Australian selectors, one of whom is lan Chappell's brother, Greg, are not currently renowned for their vision. They, too, caught some of yesterday's flak.

With his reputation as an

irascible yet scrupulously fair

man, Lock is sure to be a tough

taskmaster for the budding

great heights by the force of

administered a tongue-lashing to the young Dennis Lillee. Mill Hill had also ap-

proached other former top cricketers in Australia and

South Africa.

personality: he even



Kiwi Artful Dodger on crash

course with veteran Conner

From Barry Pickthall

The final for the America's Cup challenge trials starting in a fortnight, is shaping up to be a battle between Dennis Conner, the American master and Chris Dickson, from New Zealand, whose adolescent cockiness, aged 25, is surpassed only by the continuous winning ways of his 'plastic fantastic' New Zealand IV during this four-month series of races.

Both skippers won the second of their semi-final heats with consummate ease yesterday, Dicksoo, carrying the pre-start sparring against the French Kiss skipper Marc Pajot right into the spectator fleet to leave Gallic hopes wake from the moment the gun fired.

Conner's start was less inspiring, with Stars and Stripes crossing the pin end of the line a second or so early. The uncharacteristic mistake cost this 12 metre veteran 18 seconds, but Tom Blackaller, his Californian rival, made an even graver error of starting at the unfavoured end of the badly biased line, allowing Conner and his crew to get back in contention.

The San Diego yacht all but clipped the stern of Blackaller's radical twin ruddered USA II and when the two came together once more, Conner, displaying much improved speed in these 10-15 knot winds was firmly in the driving seat. At the first weather mark, Conner's petrol blue hull held a 16sec lead. USA halved the gap on the following run, but with Conner protecting the inside berth at the leeward mark, he dictated the tactics on the next

beat, picking up all the fav-

ourable shifts to extend his lead to a 1:08 margin.

Thereafter, the race, like that between New Zealand and French Kiss, proved to be a boring procession, with Stars and Stripes piling on the pressure on his hapless underfinanced rival to finish a clear three minutes ahead.

The New Zealand win was less impressive, the 'plastic fantastic' taking 90sec longer to complete the 24.5-mile course than the San Diego flag, bearer, but as Dickson pointed out afterwards to those wonderiog if some of the Kiwi magic had washed off, the French had forced the New Zealanders to put in 16 more tacks than the Americans performed.

DEFENDER TRIALS SERIES D

Steek 'n' Kidney 3 30 12 NOTE: Three points awarded for byes following the rethrement of Australia III not included, first two to finals. CHALLENGER SERIES SEMI-

MONDAY: Stars and Stripes bt USA, 3:02; New Zesland bt French Kiss, 2:40. **CHALLENGER STANDINGS** Best of seven races: New Zeeland leads French Kiss, 2-0; Stars and Stripes leads USA, 2-0.

TODAY'S RACES DEFENDER TRIALS SERIES D: Kooka-burra III v Kookaburra II; Australia IV v Steak 'n' Kidney. CHALLENGER SERIES SEMI-FINALS: Stars and Stripes v USA; New Zealand v French Kiss.

On the defenders course, the power of litigation appears to be taking priority over boatspeed, with Alan Bond's Australia IV crew once again locked in battle with Kookaburra's English sea lawyer, Bryan Willis, who between them were taking issue nn seven protests last night. A record? Very probably, but the most important incident was the collision between the Bond boat and

Kookaburra II shortly after the five-minute gun. Kooka-burra, steered by Peter Gilmour, which proved the easy winner on the course, was able to out-turn the Lexcen design before the start, then came out from under when both were on starboard tack to luff Australia IV hard into wind. Gilmour had every right to push his rival up, but the question the jury must con-sider is whether Colin Beashel made every effort to avoid the

Harold Cudmore, the skipper of beaten White Crusader, now turned commentator on Channel 7TV, suggested that the camara shot taken on board Kookaburra showed Beashel to have Australia's wheel hard over to starboard when the expensive clunk occurred, but then said wrily: "But, going before the race jury here in Fremantle is like going to the races!"

Talking of backing losers, Fischer. the Steak 'n' Kidney boss yesterday lost his protest against Kookaburra II on Sunday, and then suggested that Channel 7. who have fitted remote racecameras on both Taskforce 12 metres, suppressed evidence that is not favourable to the Kookaburra team. The television station failed to provide footage of the incident that led to Steak 'n'Kidney's protest, but the Kookaburra syndicate are far from happy at Fischer's

Whatever the outcome of this particular slanging match. Steak'n'Kidney's third loss yesterday in these final round robin trials, this time against Kookaburra III, must halt Fischer's claim that his boat is fastest among the defenders and should be allowed to compete for a place in the defenders finals starting on January 14.

More yachting, page 25 SPORT IN BRIEF

Hollins says Hazard and Wicks can go

and Mike Hazard that they club if the right offers come along Both players asked for down the first division table.

central defender, during the summer but he has played only half a dozen first team games. Hazard, a midfield player, has made only three senior starts this season, his failure to win a place even during Chelsea's bleakest pe-riod proving a puzzle for Stamford Bridge supporters. Since his £300,000 move

from Tottenham Hotspur in September 1985, Hazard has made 22 League apearances. Both have been out of the first team since Chelsea were crushed 4-0 at home by Wimhledon on December 6. Hollins said: "We haven't had any offers for either player yet." Chelsea ended a run of 10 games without a win at Southampton on Boxing Day and followed that with a 4-1 home triumph over Aston Villa to move off the bottom of the first division.

An age old Managers problem for Stange of patience

East Berlin (Reuter) - After decades playing 'ugly sister' to East Germany's world-beating athletes and swimmers, the national foot-ball team are being primed for a share of the limelight by Bernd Stange, their ambitions

"While the athletes and swimmers have swept the world, our football team have never really risen above mediocrity," he said. The effusive Stange, however, has no illusions about the task ahead if East Germany are to develop

into a top class team.

Their only high point came in 1974 when qualication for the World Cup finals in West Germany was followed by Magdeburg winning the European Cup Winners' Cup. But that record pales alongside 50 gold, 49 silver and 41 bronze medals won by swimmers and athletes last year in world and European championships. Now Stange believes he has

the nucleus of a formidable team for the late 1980s. Nevertheless he has earned criticism for casting aside Uwe Pilz and Wolfgang Steinbach, the popular veterans, and introducing Andreas Thom, aged 21, who emerged as the standard bearer of the new generation with sparkling performances against France and Denmark. He switched easily between skilful midfield and sharp attacking roles.

"It's easy to get into the national side", Stange said."If we had just five players like Thom, we could achieve suc-

But Stange fears even his young talents such as Thom, Rico Steinmann, aged 18, his newly-blooded forward and Matthias Sammer will fizzle out like East Germany's many great hopes of the last decade. Time and time again we've seen players peter out at just the age when they should be reaching their peak, f simply lack players around the age of 27 or 28," he said.

Stange suggests the players lack the pressure that force professionals in the West to keep going and earn as much money as possible.

Jobo Hollins, the Chelsea Meanwhile another London manager, Jas told Steve Wicks manager, John Lyall, of West Ham United, has intensified can leave the first division his search for new players to

transfers 10 days ago.

Hollins paid Queen's Park
Rangers £450,000 for Wicks, a this stage because they could give us a lift. But it must not just be buying for the sake of it. "We had a superb defence last year but now we are doing silly things and our distribu-tion out of defence is giving us problems. We have a reputation for good attacking foothall - getting things right in defeoce is important too." Celtic are interested in sign-

ing the Norwich City central defender, Steve Bruce. The Scottish premier division club's manager, David Hay, has discussed Bruce with his directors hnt they have not yet made a transfer bid. Bruce joined Norwich from Gillingham, of the third division, in 1984. Celtic are five points ahead

of Rangers in the league but Hay was unhappy at their 1-1 draw with Clydebank on

run out

Ron Saunders and Billy McNeill kicked any remaining Christmas spirit firmly into touch yesterday after warning their respective West Bromwich Albion and Aston Villa squads that matters must

Saunders, clearly incensed at West Bromwich's inept showing in their last three second division games, which have yielded a solitary point, told his players that their day of reckoning was fast approaching. "At the moment my hands are still tied because of injuries so I cannot bark until I can bite," Saunders said,"but things are going to get a lot less comfortable around here just as soon as our injury problems are sorted

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Derek Statham and George Reilly, neither of whom has kicked a ball in the first team this season, are likely to be the first to benefit as Saunders sharpens his act. Both had another run-out in last night's friendly with Telford United, in 11 days time for their controversial FA Cup third

round tie with Leeds United. McNeill, meanwhile, was still smarting yesterday from Saturday's 4-1 hiding at the hands of the then bottom club. Chelsea, which dragged Villa back into the relegation places. Their next engagement is a New Year's Day visit to Goodison Park where the Villa manager watched Everton bumble Leicester City 5-1 on Sunday.

The same thing could happen to us unless there is an allround improvement on Thursday," McNeill said.

Villa's £350,000 summer signing, Neal Cooper, who has been plagued by a groin injury since his arrival from Aberdeen, could make his longdelayed debut.
Peter Reid will not be fit to

return for Everton. Reid, who earlier this month made a 20minute appearance as sub-stitute against Wimbledon. suffered a thigh strain in that match which is still troubling



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The Aga Khan to send 15 horses to Cumani

Luca Cumani, who trained a winners last season, received another boost yesterday when it was announced that he will train for the Aga Khan in

The Aga Khan will be sending Cumani 15 two-yearolds in the New Year with the rest of his string, expected to be about 80-strong, going to Michael Stoute and Fulke Johnson Houghton, who have trained for him since 1978.

Italian-born Cumani spent two years as assistant to Henry Cecil before setting up in 1976 at Bedford House stables in Newmarket. Since then he has increased his total of winners almost annually. His biggest success came with Commanche Run in the 1984 St Leger.

The Aga Khan's famous colours of green with red epaulets have been carried to victory in two of the last six Epsom Derbys, by Shergar (1981) and Shahrastani (1986). He also won the French Derhy in 1984 with Darshaan and in 1985 with

The Aga's decision to retain a third trainer in Britain is in restaurant called 'Chasers' in

ing the number of his horses in this country. But he will still have about 100 horses based at his French training centre at

Cumani said: "Obviously. it's very good news. I was told at the Newmarket December Sales and am delighted." Of the horses who gave him

success last season, Cumani confirmed that St Leger runner-up, Celestial Storm, and Then Again will stay in training. "I'm not totally sure about my Guineas horse at the moment but Imperial Frontier is looking the most likely at present," he said.

Racing, page 24

Atkins returns at Worcester

The former jump jockey Ron Atkins returns to the saddle at Worcester today wben he partners Its A Laugh in the Celebration Selling

Since he retired 18 months ago. Atkins has worked as a iockeys' safety officer and trainer, and has also opened a line with his policy of increas- Devon.

Meade to retire

Richard Meade, Britain's three-time Olympic eventing gold medallist, is to retire from competitive riding. The 48-year-old Englishman has decided to quit after 25 years at the top, following the retirement of his leading horse, Kilcashel, which he rode in Britain's gold medal winning team at the 1982 World Championships.

He rode in four Olympics, scoring a double triumph in 1972, when he took the individual title and piloted Britain to the team victory on Laurieston, and collected a team gold at the previous Games on Cornishman

Silver lining

A Rolls-Royce Silver Spirit worth £69,000 is on offer to the scorer of the first 147 maximum break in the new Rothmans Matchroom snooker league being con-tested around Britain from January to May. The league gets under way on January 17, when Steve Davis, Dennis Taylor, Willie Thorne and Terry Griffiths compete in the first two matches, at the Torbay Leisure Centre. By May 17, 28 matches will have been played at 14 venues to

champion.



Pyatt's defence Chris Pyatt will defend his

European light-middleweight title for the first time, against Gianfranco Rosi, of Italy, in the central Italian town of Perugia on January 21, the European Boxiog Union announced yesterday.

Injury blow Oldham rugby league club,

already badly hit by injuries this season, suffered another hlow yesterday when Hussein M Barki was ruled out for six weeks with a depressed checkbone. The French-Moroccan full back was injured in his decide the first league side's Boxing Day win over

Close call

England, who had beaten Turkey only once in seven previous basketball meetings. lost again, by 78-77, in their opening match of the Pohjola tournament in Helsinki. After trailing 45-33 at the interval, England recovered well, but despite 22 points apiece from Mick Bett and Clyde Vaughan, Turkey held out, Playing safe

Winds gusting at speeds of more than 60mph and heavy sleet preveoted ski jumping yesterday at a World Cup nordic combination event at Oberwiesenthal, East Germany, forcing the event to be rescheduled for today.

Second place

Gary Lineker, the England and Barcelona forward, has come second in a poll among European sports journalists to find the European footballer of the year. The Golden Ball award, conducted by the weekly France Football magazine, went to the Soviet Union's Igor Belanov.

Top man

Philippe Sella, the Agen and French international centre, has been named rugby union's player of 1986 by the French weekly newspaper Mid: Olympique. He succeeds the Argentine stand-off Hugo

BOBSLEIGHING

Germans record home win

Königssee (Reuter) - West Germany recorded their first World Cup victory when Toni Fischer and Christoph Langen won a two-man event on their home track here yesterday.

Fischer was the fastest driver on all three runs, clocking a total time of 2min 36.91 sec to beat the Austrians Ingo Appelt and Josef Muigg by exactly three-quarters of a second.

East Germany's Olympic silver medal winner. Bernhard Lehmann, racing for the first time since being laid low by a virus infection almost a year ago, finished third with his brakeman. Mario Hoyer.

It was a satisfying day for West Germany, who had four teams in the first eight. The home nation profiled from the decisions of East Germany and Switzerland, the world's leading bob powers, to send only their second teams to Konigssee

As a result of the victory, Fischer and Langen have climbed to second place in the World Cup two-man standings. They have 37 points and trail the Americans, Matt Roy and James Herberich, by two